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Yammat ... dep.	6.51	9.25	10.38	12.09	1.27	4.43	5.47	7.20
Shatin ... dep.	7.03	9.38	10.50	12.21	1.39	4.55	5.59	7.33
Taipei ... dep.	7.17	9.52	11.03	12.34	1.52	5.08	6.03	7.45
Taipei Market ... dep.	7.22	9.57	11.08	12.38	1.56	5.12	6.07	7.49
Fanling ... dep.	7.38	10.08	11.19	12.48	2.06	5.23	6.17	7.59
Shung Shui ... dep.	7.38	10.13	11.23	12.52	2.10	5.27	6.21	8.03
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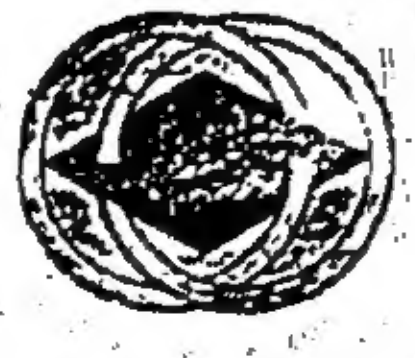
  

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Shung Shui ... dep.	7.29	8.13	10.44	11.47	3.05	4.43	5.19
Fanling ... dep.	7.33	8.18	10.48	11.51	3.10	4.49	5.23
Taipei Market ... dep.	7.43	8.29	10.58	12.02	3.21	5.01	5.33
Taipei ... dep.	7.47	8.34	11.03	12.07	3.27	5.08	5.37
Shatin ... dep.	8.00	8.47	11.16	12.21	3.40	5.23	5.50
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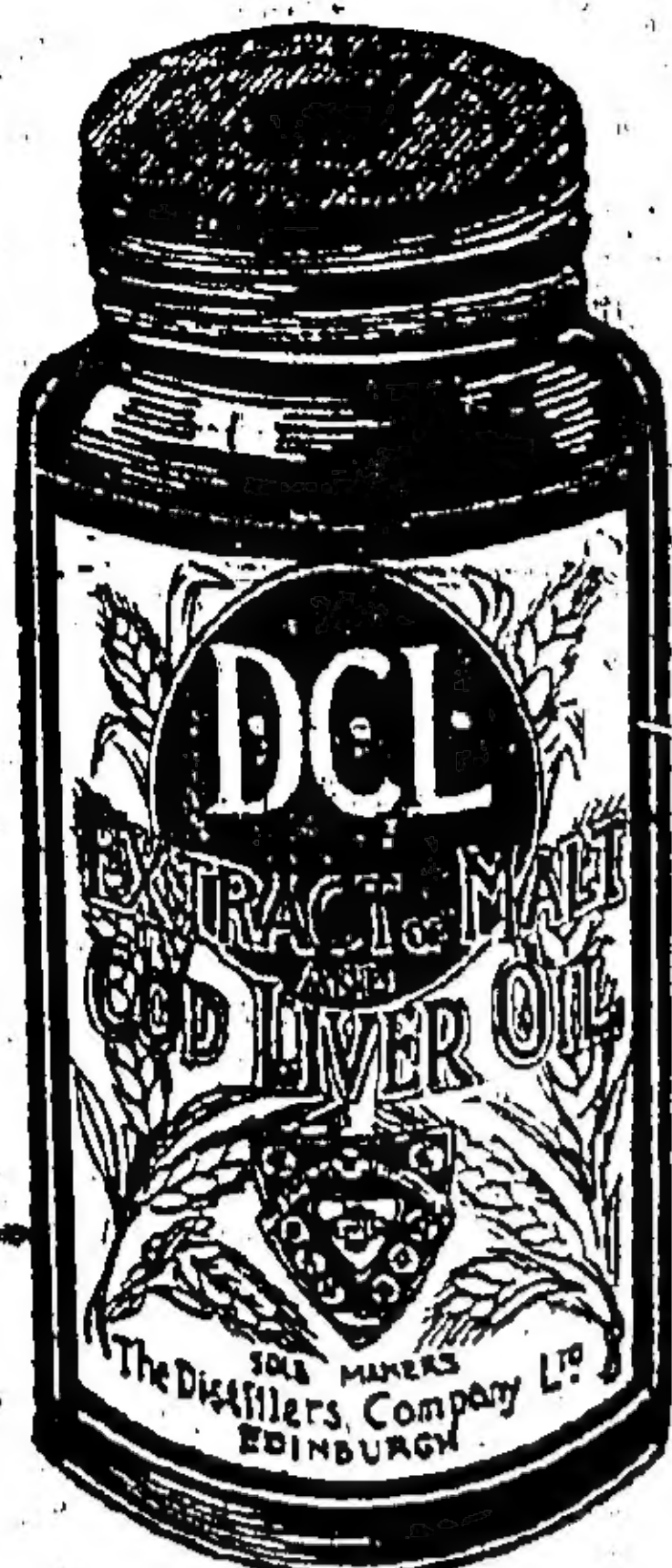
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## BACTERIOLOGY AND WAR. PROPAGATION OF DISEASE.

The following is an interesting extract from the report of the Temporary Mixed Commission of the League of Nations for the Reduction of Armaments:—

In contradistinction to the chemical arm, the "bacteriological" arm has not been employed in war. Apart from all humanitarian considerations, the reasons for this may be found in the contemplation of the effects it might produce were it ever resorted to, as set forth in the statement drawn up for us by Profs. Pfeiffer, Bordet, Madsen, and Cannon. This statement does not, however, constitute the final word on the subject; for, although the conclusions drawn may be comparatively reassuring for the present, they nevertheless direct attention to the possibilities which the development of bacteriological science may offer in the future, and consequently to the importance of not allowing ourselves to be lulled into any false sense of security. A priori, the effects of the bacteriological arm can neither be measured nor localised; they would reach the civilian population, would cross frontiers, and might reappear or continue even after the cessation of hostilities. It may be said that this arm would be aimed indirectly against all mankind.

Professors Pfeiffer, Bordet, and Madsen, however, are of opinion that such warfare would have little effect on the actual issue of a contest in view of the protective methods which are available for circumventing its effects. The pollution of drinking-water by cultures of typhus or cholera germs would be combated by filtering, as already practised in large centres, or by treating the waters of rivers with chlorine. The enemy would have to contaminate, by means of aircraft, the filtered water of the reservoirs directly: this would be a difficult operation, and its effects could be frustrated by preventive vaccination. The propagation of plague by pest-infested rats would be as dangerous for the nation employing this method as for its adversary, as rats pass freely between the lines of both armies. Experience has shown, moreover, that it is possible speedily to check an outbreak of plague. Moreover, the danger of an epidemic of typhus propagated by lice has greatly diminished.

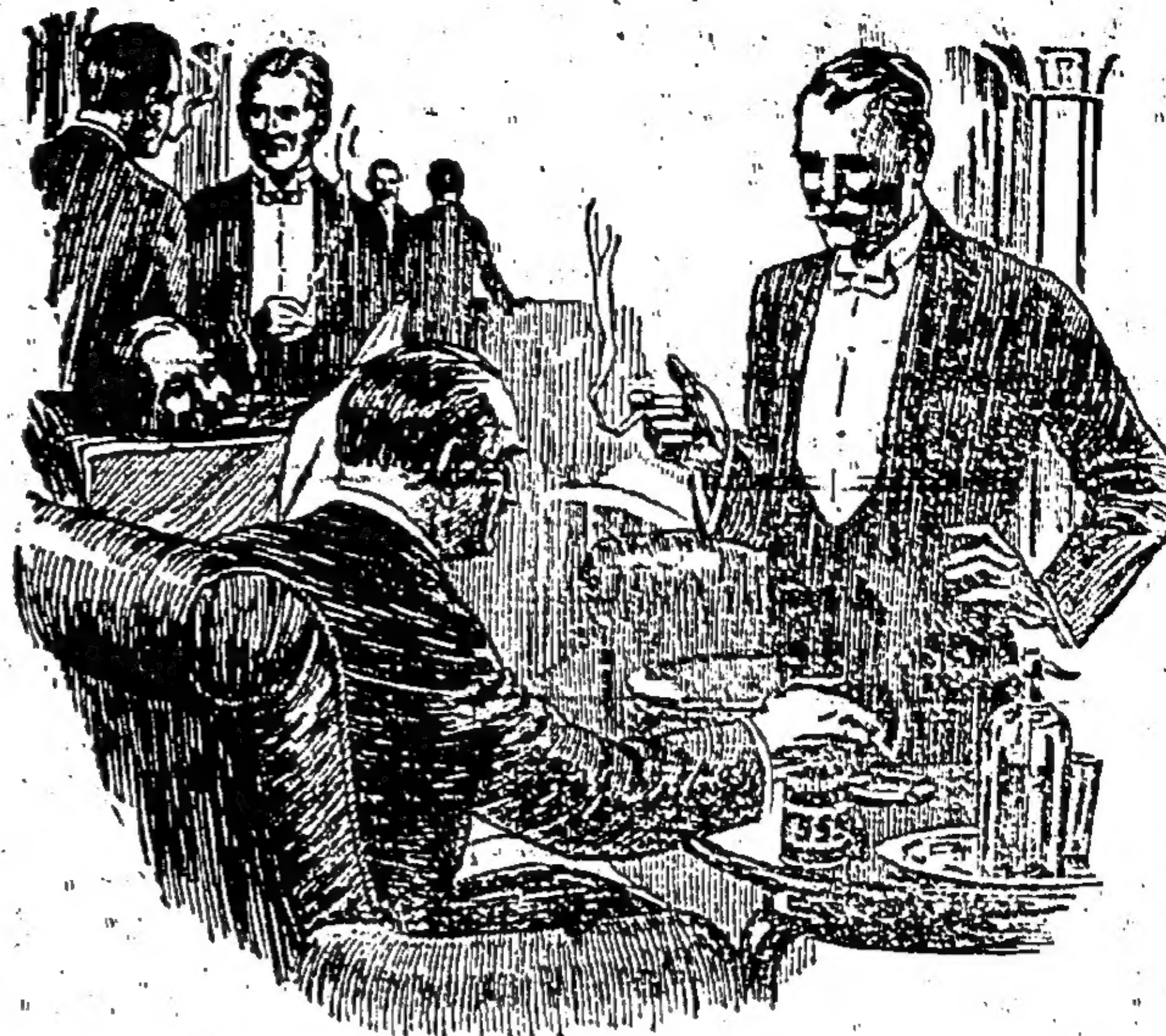
As regards the poisoning of weapons, the experts point out that the germs which could be employed (streptococci or staphylococci, anthrax spores, glanders bacilli, &c.) would not preserve their danger properties if they were prepared a long time beforehand and allowed to dry on metallic surfaces. Nor, if placed in a projectile would these germs better resist the shock of discharge, the rise of temperature, and the violence of an explosion which destroys all life. The only method presenting a certain danger would be that of dropping from aeroplanes glass globes filled with germs. Finally, the majority of the experts are of opinion that bacteriology cannot at present produce infective substances capable of destroying a country's live stock and crops. Professor Cannon, however, does not entirely concur in this last opinion, since he admits the possibility of aeroplanes disseminating over wide areas parasites capable of ravaging the crops. In short, the scientists whom we have consulted are of opinion that our present knowledge of hygiene and microbiology would limit the extension of any epidemics which might be spread either among combatants or the civil population, and that such epidemics could not have any decisive influence on the issue of hostilities, although the experts do not consider the bacteriological arm as at present capable of paralysing an enemy's defence. But while they do not regard this double-edged weapon as particularly formidable at the present moment, other opinions are also current which would justify us in keeping carefully in touch with the progress of bacteriology. Professor Bordet refers to the discovery in the court of the German Legation in Bucharest of cultures of glands with requisite instructions for contaminating the Roumanian cavalry.

## INDIAN CHIEF IN ITALY. BANK-NOTES BROADCASTED.

The Indian chieftain Elk Fernan, who is noted for his eccentricity and generosity in America, has been for some time travelling in Italy, where he is attracting the attention of the Press. On his landing in Brindisi he excited wonder by giving a tip of 500 lire to a native boy who landed him from a boat. In Naples he amused all the urchins of the Chiaia, who performed all sorts of extraordinary capers and somersaults in his presence, by flinging 100-lire notes among them, causing the wildest scrambles. The Red-kin chieftain has now turned up in Florence, and gave a sumptuous dinner in the principal hotel to numerous guests, and casual acquaintances, and indulged in munificence that seemed to challenge the memory of Cosmo di Medici himself. He visited with the greatest interest historical monuments, and admired artistic treasures during the day, and after leaving the Palazzo Pitti, as he crossed the bridges of the Arno, he distributed once more 100-lire bank-notes among the passers-by. In a speech after dinner, he drank to the health of Signor Mussolini, "the great Italian chieftain."

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## HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

Messrs. Benjamin and Potts, in their weekly share report dated Friday, Oct. 10th, state:—

Since our last Report of October 3rd, the local market has been quiet with a small business passing and prices in most cases have shown an easier tendency.

Banks.—Owing to the rise in exchange, Hongkong and Shanghai Banks have further weakened and sales have been made at the close at \$1.160. The London price has advanced to \$1.133 (middle) according to latest telegraphic advices.

Marine and Fire Insurances.—Unions continue in demand at \$240 with no shares obtainable. China Underwriters have been done at \$11 and continue in request. Cantons at \$720. China Fires at \$180 and Hongkong Fires at \$800 can all be placed at quotations, but no sales have been reported.

Shipping.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboats have fluctuated between \$39½ and \$40½. Star Ferries have been taken off the market at the improved price of \$105. Douglas Steamships are to be had at \$62. Union Waterboats are wanted at \$164. Deferred London are steadily at \$18½. Oriental Navigation shares have buyers at \$230, and sellers at \$230½. This Company was formed in September, 1923, to acquire and take over the shipping business of Mr. H. M. H. Nernse in this Colony and elsewhere. Its authorised Capital is \$5,000,000 divided into 20,000 shares of \$250 each of which 10,000 shares have been issued and fully paid.

Refineries.—China Sugars have eased somewhat, but at the close buyers prevail at \$105. Malabons at \$4½ continue dull.

Oils and Mining.—Tin shows a further rise during the week, and is now quoted at \$24. Tronohs have advanced to 51/- and the whole market has strengthened. "Shells" are obtainable at 80/- and Benguet at \$3. Langkats (Combined) have recovered to Tls. 10½ buyers.

Electric Companies.—Hongkong Trams have further declined with sales made down to \$45. China Lights have also been on the weak side, the Combined shares having been dealt in at \$27½. Hongkong Electric is a shade firmer and have changed hands at \$43.00.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks after recovering the interim dividend of \$2 just paid are on offer at \$174. Hongkong and Kowloon Wharves after being offered at \$205½ came into strong demand and were brought up to \$211, but the market has since eased to \$208. Shanghai Docks have again been negotiated at Tls. 94, but probably a higher rate would now be paid. Hongkong Wharves at Tls. 192½ and New Engineerings at Tls. 8.60 are unaltered.

Lands, Hotels and Buildings.—Hongkong Lands were placed up to \$120 but have since receded to \$117. Humphreys Estates show some improvement over last week's closing quotation, the price having advanced from \$22½ to \$23½, but the market has since eased to \$23. Hongkong Hotels (Old) have been booked at \$22.10. Realty is asked at \$2.15.

Cotton Mills.—Ewes are a shade easier and have been put through at Tls. 10½. Orientals are in request at Tls. 3.35 and Shanghai Cottons (Old) at Tls. 52.

Miscellaneous.—Canton Ices have been sold at \$8.10. Green Island Cement (Combined) have further weakened, but at the close buyers prevail at \$22. China Providents have also shown an easier tendency, the market dropping to \$22 (Combined), \$18½ Old, and \$5.10 for the New. Dairy Farms have changed hands at \$25 at the dividend of \$1.50 just paid. Constructions at \$6½ mark a rise. Lane, Crawford have fetched at \$18.60. There are enquiries for Peak Trams (Old) at \$21½, New at \$4.75, Sinceres at \$13½ and Watsons at \$28.

## PROHIBITION AND SHIPPING PROFITS.

"AMERICAN MERCHANT MARINE SUNK WHEN LIQUOR ABOLISHED."

Mr. Albert Lasker, former chairman of the U.S. Shipping Board, blames the Prohibition law for the inability of American passenger liners to operate at a profit. The former chief of Government shipping, who says it cost him a fortune to occupy that position, met the *Leviathan* recently when America's largest passenger liner arrived at New York crowded with returning tourists, including his daughter, Miss Mary Lasker. Since the *Leviathan* was reconditioned after the war she has been a steady drain upon the treasury resources, due both to the tremendous operating costs and to the bad luck which seems to have pursued the vessel. When Great Britain and the United States signed the treaty permitting British ships to bring liquors into American ports under seal another handicap was laid upon American passenger liners—or, as Mr. Lasker put it "the American passenger merchant marine was sunk when liquor was abolished." The American shipping expert said that Americans who travel abroad want all the conveniences and alcoholic beverages which are still considered a convenience here, although the American law forbids their sale on ships flying the Stars and Stripes. Prohibition is only one of many reasons why the American merchant marine does not pay, Mr. Lasker admitted, but it is the last straw. Mr. Lasker said he was glad to see the *Leviathan* running again, and although she is a financial loss he would like to see many more *Leviathans*, because he is confident that most people like to travel on the largest liners, and would book on a dry *Leviathan* rather than on a wet second-rater.



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UNION CHURCH, Kennedy Road.—Sunday Services, October 12th:—  
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Morning Service at 11 o'clock.  
Hymns: 42, 766, 953, 145, 473.  
Communion at 12 o'clock noon.  
Men's Meeting in the Lecture Hall at 4 o'clock.  
Evening Service at 6 o'clock.  
Hymns: 99, 303, 447, 547, 634.  
Morning Preacher: Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald.  
Evening Preacher: Rev. J. Horace Johnston.  
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St. John's CATHEDRAL.—17th Sunday after Trinity, October 12th, 1924:—  
Holy Communion—8 a.m.  
Matins—11 a.m.  
Evangel—6 p.m.  
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FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST, Macdonnell Road, below Bowen Road Train Station.—Sunday, 11.15 a.m. Wednesday, 5.30 p.m. Reading Room open Tuesday and Friday mornings—10 to 12.  
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### LOCAL SPORT.

#### FOOTBALL.

The following games in the Hongkong  
League are down for decision to-day:—

##### DIVISION I.

Kick-off at 4.45 p.m.

Hongkong Club v. South China "B."  
H.K.F.C. ground. Referee: Mr. F.  
Smith.

East Surrey Regt. v. H.M.S. Tamar,  
Navy "A" ground. Referee: Mr.  
W. E. Wakeham.

R.A. v. Kowloon, Kowloon F.C.  
ground. Referee: Mr. Collins.

South China "A" v. Hongkong Police,  
Sookunpoo "A" ground. Referee:  
Mr. R. A. Smith.

##### DIVISION II.

Kick-off at 3.15 p.m.

Kowloon Reserves v. East Surrey  
Reserves, Kowloon F.C. ground.  
Referee: Mr. Collins.

Club de Recreo "B" v. H.K.F.C.  
Reserve, Navy "A" ground. Re-  
feree: Mr. Gee.

East Surrey "Drums" v. St. Joseph's  
"A," Sookunpoo "A" ground.  
Referee: Mr. R. A. Smith.

Club de Recreo v. St. Joseph's "B,"  
St. Joseph's ground. Referee: Mr.  
Smyth.

Sacred Heart v. South China "A,"  
South China ground. Referee: Mr.  
Bailey.

South China "B" v. University,  
H.K.F.C. ground. Referee: Mr. F.  
Smith.

The league season which was due to  
open last Saturday was interfered with  
by the typhoon weather and one match  
only was played. To-day a full pro-  
gramme should be played, ten matches in  
all. The Valley grounds have suffered  
through the heavy rain of last week and  
the going should be very heavy. Several  
charges are noticed in the advertised  
teams to those of last week. Owing to  
the gymkhana, the R.A. match against  
Kowloon will now be played at Kow-  
loon instead of on St. Joseph's ground as  
formerly arranged. The usual crowds are  
expected out with South China but as  
they will have two teams out in each di-  
vision the crowd should be divided.

The only form seen to date in first  
division games is that of the R.A. and  
Police who met in midweek at Sookun-  
poo. The Police quite expect to hold  
their own against South China "A" to-  
day and with their new men settling  
down to serious football a win for them  
would not be surprising.

The R.A. will be visitors to Kowloon  
and they expect to return with the points.  
The Kowloon team are leaving nothing  
to chance, except by playing Knight at  
full back who still has a very weak knee,  
but he will be supported by Moreton who  
is turning out this week in the middle  
line.

The Club open their league season at  
home where they have as opponents the  
new "South China "B" team. The  
Club should get home in this match.  
The Surrey and Tamar meet on the  
Navy ground within the recesses and  
a win for the military is expected.

In the junior games there should be  
some keen football and the scores low. As  
Kowloon and the home team should win.  
The Soldiers should win at Sookunpoo  
and the Club Reserves should commence  
their season with a win.

Club de Recreo "A" should take the  
points against St. Joseph's "B."

SACRED HEART v. SOUTH CHINA "A."

The following players will represent  
the Sacred Heart against the South China  
"A" to-day at the Chinese ground, kick-  
off at 3 p.m.:—Cruz, A. Jackson and  
B. A. Hyder (capt.); G. A. Hyder, N.  
Johnson, and D. Mohamed; L. Castilho,  
A. G. Mohamed, A. Dallah, Iron Bux,  
and G. Lai.

### PEAK TRAMWAY COMPANY SUMMONED.

#### ALLEGED OBSTRUCTION.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Cen-  
tral Magistracy yesterday, the police  
summoned the Peak Tramway Company  
for obstruction.

Inspector R. Marks said that at the  
Peak Station he had seen a ladder and  
a lathe lying in such a way as to con-  
stitute an obstruction. He questioned  
the watchman on duty who said that the  
contractor for some work at present in  
progress insisted that it was the Tram-  
way Company's affair.

In the absence of proof as to respon-  
sibility, His Worship dismissed the sum-  
mons.

### HOPE FOR BANK CREDITORS.

CHINESE MERCHANTS' BANK MAY  
RETURN 40 PER CENT.

A vernacular paper, the *Tsun Wan Yat*  
Po, reports that there is a possibility  
that creditors of the Chinese Merchants'  
Bank, which suspended payment some  
time ago, and whose head office was in  
Hongkong, may receive some return of  
their losses in the near future.

The proportion mentioned by the  
paper as likely to be paid is between  
30 and 40 per cent. of the total actually  
owing.

### RACING NOTES.

#### WEATHER UPSETS FORM.

#### A TIP FOR THE ST. LEGER.

The approaching typhoon and the heavy  
rains of yesterday coupled with the dam-  
age done to the Happy Valley Race  
Course last week-end will do and have  
done much to spoil this week-end's racing.  
Provided that we do not have the typhoon  
which yesterday appeared to be getting  
very near to the Colony, and the Valley  
is not flooded again, there is every  
prospect of the meeting being held.

Since the course was damaged last  
week-end by the heavy rains stable own-  
ers have not attempted anything like the  
proper gallops usually indulged in on  
training mornings of the last week before  
a race meeting. As a matter of fact, the  
last real gallop was on Saturday morning  
last when none of the entrants for this  
week-end's meeting did anything better  
than 33 seconds for the last quarter of any  
gallop. Owners are not prepared to take  
any risk in stretching their ponies un-  
duly, bearing in mind that the annual  
meeting is not so far off now.

This does not mean that owners are not  
taking the extra meetings seriously. They  
are. In fact, some of the enthusiasts have  
taken to the extra meetings so earnestly  
that one very fine racer has been import-  
ed from Tientsin at a big cost. Newton  
Abbott is reported to have cost his own-  
ers no less than Taels 2,500. In conversa-  
tion with one of the owning partners only  
last week he stated that he was so satis-  
fied with the form of this new acquisition  
that he looks upon the pony as a  
"dead cert" for the St. Leger, barring  
accidents. Mr. F. M. L. Soares, the  
jockey, has an interest in Newton Abbott,  
and he can be expected to get the best  
out of the pony. Newton Abbott comes  
down here with an excellent reputation  
and he should justify the big price paid  
for him.

By the programme it will be seen that  
Lady Severn has entered her well-known  
string of Malayan fruits, Durian, Langkat,  
etc. They are running true to form and  
backers of these ponies will, no doubt,  
have the satisfaction of seeing them  
catching the Judge's eye first, especially  
on Monday.

#### A FEW LIKELY ONES.

A great deal was heard of Prince  
Regent, now owned by Dr. F. H. Kew,  
when the question of pony classification  
was so heatedly debated a few months  
ago. The pony is in good form and he  
is to race for the first time in Hongkong  
to-day. We should not be surprised if  
his owner is rewarded with a win. Dr.  
Kew is the possessor of a fine string of  
ponies, but his luck in the past has not  
been blessed with the number of wins  
which ponies of the class possessed by  
him should have earned.

The disappointing Friarsfield (Mr.  
Dynasty's pony) has been entered for the  
"A" Class handicap to-day. The dis-  
tance should suit this pony, and if  
he runs true he should have no difficulty  
in securing a place and probably a win.

We understand that Mr. A. A. Alves,  
who has now got a string of useful ponies,  
will not run Musketeer, his Derby candi-  
date at the last official meeting, but his  
other pony, Grey Dragon, should prove  
a likely candidate for honours over the  
distance of six furlongs for the "B"  
Class Reading Handicap.

The Aggregate Stakes, the fourth of the  
Season, should produce a very fine field  
of ponies. Old Spotted Sand is to carry  
the red and gold braided jacket for Mr.  
Dynasty, and with the course in its pre-  
sent condition he should run away  
with the race. Mr. Dunbar's Kashmir dis-  
played good racing form in Shanghai and  
although he does not look like a formid-  
able competition against Spotted Sand he  
should make a good effort for the classic  
event of the day, especially in such good  
company as Valiant Dahila, Hartfield and  
probably also Prince Regent as a starter.  
We doubt if Pencastle has a winning  
chance, however, as he is such an erratic  
pony. It is difficult to say whether he  
will run true to form or not.

The Selling Plate Race will be another  
interesting event of the day. In this  
evening Mountain Hawk carries top weight,  
122 lbs., whilst White Rose carries 125 lbs.  
Mountain Hawk should have no difficulty  
in shaking off his opponents and catching  
the Judge's eye first.

We do not on this occasion attempt to  
give a tabulated list of forecasts for each  
race, for owing to conditions of the track  
and lack of proper training during the  
last week it is really a gamble as to what  
will win in any of the events.

### A CARPENTER'S UNSATIS- FACTORY WORK.

#### POLICE COURT SEQUEL.

A summons against Mr. A. J. Souza  
for assault, taken out by a Chinese  
carpenter, and a summons by Mr. R.  
Silva against the carpenter, for assault,  
were heard at Kowloon Magistracy  
yesterday. Mr. Souza said the carpenter  
was engaged to carry out certain win-  
dow alterations, and the work being un-  
satisfactory he called the man's attention  
to the fact. The man became insolent,  
and he told him to leave the house. Later  
Mr. Silva and he went to get an ex-  
planation from the man, who, when he  
saw them, picked up a hammer and be-  
came insolent again. Mr. Souza at once  
struck the man. Defendant was bound  
over on a bond of \$50 to be of good be-  
haviour for six months, and the other  
summons was dismissed.

### KOWLOON AFFAIRS.

#### THE BAND CONCERTS.

At the monthly meeting of the Com-  
mittee of the Kowloon Residents' Asso-  
ciation, held on Monday last, it was re-  
ported that the financial result of the  
organisation of the public band concerts,  
given by the Band of the East Surrey  
Regiment, was a debit of \$21.00. Thanks  
to the generosity of the China Light and  
Power Co., the "Star" Ferry Co., the  
Khai Tuck Motor Bus Co., and the various  
Clubs of Kowloon who provided refresh-  
ments for the bandmen, the Association's  
expenses were confined to the hiring of  
chairs and the payment of incidental  
expenses for labour. The hire of chairs  
cost \$201, whilst the revenue from chairs  
amounted to only \$148.10, this being  
mainly on account of inclement weather.  
Revenue from advertisements on the pro-  
gramme met this difference with the ex-  
ception of the \$21 referred to above. It  
was announced at the meeting that a re-  
sident, who wished to remain anonymous,  
had kindly sent a cheque to make up the  
deficit, so that the Association's organi-  
sation of the concerts had not resulted in  
a charge upon its funds. The Committee  
approved of the Band Concert account,  
as presented by the Hon. Secretary.

#### FOOTPATH OBSTRUCTION.

It was unanimously agreed that a  
letter be sent to the Hon. Captain  
Superintendent of Police calling his at-  
tention to the obstruction of the footpath  
in Salisbury Road caused by the parking  
of taxicabs and motor-cars thereon by the  
Hongkong and Kowloon Taxicab Co., and  
asking for remedial action.

#### COMPLAINT REMEDIED.

A letter was read from the Secretary  
of the Sanitary Board stating that the  
undergrowth on the grass plot bordering  
Chatham Road has now been removed,  
in accordance with a request previously  
made by the Association.

#### A PLEASURE PROMENADE.

The Hon. Secretary was instructed to  
write the Government, applying for more  
benches to be placed on the grass plot  
bordering Chatham Road, as this spot is  
being more largely used as a pleasure  
promenade and rendezvous.

#### TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS.

A lengthy discussion took place on the  
subject of the traffic arrangements out-  
side the "Star" Ferry Company's  
wharf, the Committee being of unanimous  
opinion that the present arrangements  
are wholly unsuited to the requirements.  
The Hon. Secretary was instructed to  
write the Government asking for the early  
institution of some better scheme whereby  
the present dangerous confusion during  
the "rush" hours will be done away with.  
It was felt that anything other than a  
complete re-arrangement of the ricksha  
shelter and the taxicab and motor bus  
ranks would be but to temporise and  
not to remedy.

#### KOWLOON HOSPITAL.

A Sub-Committee was appointed to  
investigate and report on the progress  
of the construction of the Kowloon Hos-  
pital.

#### FINANCES.

The Hon. Treasurer reported that the  
Association now had a balance in hand  
of \$341.61, of which \$250 had been placed  
on fixed deposit for six months.

### CHARGE AGAINST SOLICI- TOR'S CLERKS.

#### ALLEGED FALSE PRETENCES.

At the Central Magistracy before Mr.  
R. E. Lindsell, yesterday afternoon,  
Cheung Pui Chuen, alias Charles Kent,  
and Lo Shu Fan, two clerks lately em-  
ployed by Messrs. Hastings and Hast-  
ings, Dennis and Bowley, were charged  
on remand on three counts.

The first was, as alleged, that they had  
conspired together to defraud Wong Tak  
Yin of her property by false representa-  
tions that Lo Shu Fan was owner of  
certain lands in the New Territories and  
had transferred the same into the name  
of the said Wong Tak Yin and desired to  
mortgage the same. The other two  
counts alleged that the defendants con-  
spired together to induce the complain-  
ant by false representations to sign two  
deeds of sale.

At the last two counts, the defendants  
were alleged to have acted in conjunction  
with Au Hon Fu and Ho Shai Lok.

Mr. M. K. Lo prosecuted and Mr. E.  
Davidson defended. Mr. H. S. Fitzroy,  
instructed by Messrs. Lee and Russ, held  
a watching brief on behalf of Lo Shun  
Cho, the purchaser of certain property  
figuring in the case.

Mr. Lo, in a very long opening state-  
ment, said that the complainant, years  
ago, became the concubine of Mr. Ho  
Kom Tong. She was now a woman of  
considerable means, and had two sons  
and a daughter. Mr. Lo went on to assert  
that at different times the defendants by  
subterfuge induced her to sign an agree-  
ment to sell certain properties for sums  
considerably less than their value.

Continuing, Mr. Lo went on to detail  
instances in which Ho Shai Lok, com-  
plainant's son, acted, as alleged, in  
collusion with the defendants.

The prosecuting solicitor had just  
finished his opening statement when the  
case was adjourned until Tuesday next.

### THE NEWEST "REVOLUTION" IN CANTON.

#### ANOTHER BUSINESS STRIKE.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

The Chinese Revolution inaugurated  
yesterday, October 10th, in Canton, was  
a truer one than that of 15 years ago in  
Wuchang. In Canton, Fatsun, Chen-  
chuan, Sheklung, and 123 other impor-  
tant towns and cities of Kwangtung have  
suspended business. Outwardly, the people  
of this southern province in China are  
putting aside their trade in order to  
establish not only in Kwangtung but also  
in other parts of China the political prin-  
ciple of self-defence, no taxation with-  
out popular consent, government by the  
will of the majority. According to a cir-  
cular urging the people to go on a gen-  
eral strike in order "to awaken the gov-  
ernment," the people are demanding that  
the arms and ammunitions for the im-  
port of which their volunteers look out,  
permits but which Dr. Sun Yat Sen's  
Kuomintang Reds illegally seized shall be  
fully and unconditionally released, that  
no more obnoxious taxes shall be imposed,  
and that people's representatives, and  
not party agents, shall control the gov-  
ernment. According to a leader of the  
Kwangtung Provincial Volunteers, the  
people, in going on a general strike which  
involves something like \$3,000,000 loss  
daily in the four principal cities of  
Kwangtung, are not fighting for a return  
of some \$1,500,000 worth of arms and  
ammunitions, but for the right of the  
people to arm themselves for self-protection  
under proper regulations provided  
by the charter of the National Govern-  
ment of the Republic of China incorporat-  
ing the Canton Merchants Volunteer  
Corps and similar organizations.

#### ARMED PATROLS RESUMED.

The Canton Merchants Volunteer Corps  
on October 9th issued a notice to the  
public which, while in few words, means  
much. It follows:

"By the Headquarters of the Canton  
Merchants Volunteer Corps, a notification.  
Be it known that, during the  
present disturbance in the district and  
in order to guard against looting, the  
Corps, for the purpose of protecting the  
commercial community, will, com-  
mencing the 10th of October, resume its  
duty of armed patrol; that any person  
causing or intending to cause disorder  
or disturbing public peace shall be  
severely dealt with for the sake of com-  
mon welfare and protection to trade  
and community."

The notification has been communica-  
ted to the proper authorities for refer-  
ence and duly published. It is signed by  
Commandant Chan Lim Pak and Lieuten-  
ant-Commandants Li Chung Shiu and  
Tang Kai Shek.

The Chinese in Canton are now de-  
manding:

- (1) The abolition of all destructive  
taxation created by Dr. Sun since his  
return to Canton, early in 1923;
- (2) The return of all temples con-  
fiscated by the Bolsheviks since the in-  
auguration of their nationalization  
policy;
- (3) The release of all vessels, large  
and small, that Dr. Sun's mercenaries  
and followers have commandeered dur-  
ing the last two years;
- (4) The return of all arms taken from  
their volunteers;
- (5) Non-interference by the Bolsheviks  
with the self-government institutions of  
the people;
- (6) The punishment of officials respon-  
sible for the recent murder of volunteer  
officers.

#### DR. SUN'S NEW FLAG.

The Red flag with the Kuomintang in-  
signia of a white sun on blue sky at the  
upper left hand corner, designed by Dr.  
Sun Yat Sen to replace the five colour  
of the Republic of China was accepted by  
the Bolsheviks section of the Canton  
community on October 10th, when Dr.  
Sun desired it should be hoisted all over  
the territory under his jurisdiction.

The Chinese Maritime Customs and the  
Chinese Post Office in Canton have not  
yet gone Bolshevik, and they are still  
flying the five-colour flag of the Republic  
of China on the flag staffs of their build-  
ings. Dr. C. C. Wu, Secretary of Foreign  
Affairs to Dr. Sun Yat Sen, who has  
been instructed by his chief to arrange  
for the seizure of the local customs ad-  
ministration at any cost has hesitated yet  
to move.

#### PRESENTATION DAGGER.

#### COSTS RECIPIENT \$5.

Mr. D. McCallum, defending a man  
who was charged at the Central Magis-  
tracy yesterday with the unlawful pos-  
session of a dagger, explained that the  
dagger was a presentation one which had  
been given to his client six years ago in  
Japan, where he had lived for a long  
time, and whence he recently returned.

Mr. R. E. Lindsell imposed a fine of  
\$5.



## OBITUARY.

MR. A. M. THOMSON.

All who knew Mr. Alexander Macdonald Thomson, for many years Colonial Treasurer of Hongkong, who retired at the end of 1918, will be sorry to learn that the Government has received news of his death, which took place on July 28th last, and is now communicated to us by the Government with regret.

The late Mr. Thomson was born on September 27th, 1863, was educated at Aberdeen University, obtained the M.A. degree and 1st class honours in mathematics in 1883 and was assistant professor of mathematics at Aberdeen 1886-7. He joined the Hongkong Government service as a cadet in 1887 but did not arrive in the Colony till October in the following year. In the meantime he was Bacon scholar at Gray's Inn. On coming to Hongkong he was attached to the Colonial Secretary's Office, and acted as Chief Clerk in 1890. In the following year he was Acting Superintendent of Victoria Gaol. His next appointment was as Acting Assistant Colonial Secretary (1892); in 1893 he became Acting Registrar-General and a provisional Member of the Executive and Legislative Councils. In the period 1893-94 he occupied successively the posts of Acting Colonial Treasurer, Acting Superintendent of Victoria Gaol (in addition), Acting Postmaster-General, and then the substantive appointment of Postmaster-General which he held for nearly two years. In July 1899 he was appointed Colonial Treasurer and a Member of the Executive and Legislative Councils, and held this post until he retired on pension on November 5th, 1914, but in the meantime he was on six different occasions Acting Colonial Secretary for periods ranging from a month to eight or nine months.

During the latter part of his service Mr. Thomson's health broke down, and it was necessary for him to take short periods on half-pay leave, but for the convenience of the Government, he remained in the service for a short period after the date of his retirement.

The late Mr. Thomson was generally regarded as a very able official, and socially he was very popular. His intimate friends, who invariably spoke of him as "Sandy" entertained for him feelings akin to affection. After his retirement he stayed for a time at San Mateo in the United States for the benefit of his health. Apparently he neglected to keep up a regular correspondence with old friends in the Colony and this explains how it is that we just learn of his death which took place on 28th July last.

We reproduce below the tributes which were paid to his worth at the last meeting of the Legislative Council he attended, on December 10th, 1918:—

H.E. The Officer Administering The Government (Sir Claud Severn) said: As Honorable Members are no doubt aware, Mr. Thomson, the Treasurer of the Colony, is retiring from the Public Service to-day on the expiration of 31 years' service. After a brilliant career at Aberdeen University, an institution that has given many distinguished men to the service of the Empire, Mr. Thomson was appointed a Cadet Officer at the end of the year 1887, and in accordance with the custom of that period passed nearly a year in the Colonial Office. It is more than twenty-five years since he first sat as a Member of the Executive and Legislative Council, and for more than twenty years he has sat as Colonial Secretary and as Treasurer on both Councils continuously, which constitutes a record for any officer in the history of the Colony. It is a record of very honourable and useful service for which the Government is deeply grateful. Mr. Thomson's advice on the various financial questions that have arisen during his term of office has been of immense service to the Administration. The Colony has passed through times of difficulty when it was essential that expenditure should be carefully safeguarded, and it is much to be regretted that in these times of increased prosperity the Government will no longer have the services of an officer whose advice on the financing of many important matters now under consideration would be of the greatest assistance. The post of Treasurer is one that, apart from its heavy responsibility, demands from its holder certain rare qualities of discretion in carefully interpreting the laws under which the revenues are collected. There are matters in which even the most carefully worded enactment occasionally leaves room for ambiguity, and while guarding the public revenues Mr. Thomson has adopted a reasonable attitude which has, I think, been recognised by those members of the public with whom he has been brought into contact. By his colleagues in the Service Mr. Thomson has always been held in the highest estimation; and their personal regard for him was shown only a few minutes ago in this room when the honour fell to me of making him a presentation. In bidding farewell to him in this Council I desire on behalf of the Official and Unofficial Members to assure him that our best wishes will accompany him.

(Continued on next Column.)

ANNIVERSARY OF CHINESE REPUBLIC.  
CELEBRATIONS IN HONGKONG.

Throughout China yesterday there were celebrations to mark the thirtieth anniversary of the birth of the Republic—the "Double-ten," as it is frequently called since it falls on the tenth day of the tenth month.

In Hongkong there were various functions in honour of the day, one of which was a very pleasing concert given in the Queen's Theatre by the staff and students of the Tutorial Institute of Hongkong. The outside of the Theatre was gaily decorated with National emblems, and at an early hour crowds of Chinese began to make their way to the hall. The place was soon packed to overflowing and many were unable to obtain seats.

The programme was opened by the singing of Republican songs, and then the gathering was addressed by Mr. Liang Shih-yi, at one time Premier of China, who has just returned from England.

The speaker referred to the origin of the Double Ten Festival, and said that 24 years ago that day the Revolutionaries captured Wuchang and the Republic was established. He went on to say that though the Republican Government had been in existence for 13 years there had not been much improvement in the affairs of the country, but he sincerely hoped that things would change soon. He trusted that it would not be long before peace and prosperity were restored to China.

## EDUCATION THE SALVATION OF THE REPUBLIC.

Mr. Liang Shih-yi urged the local Chinese to lend every effort toward stabilizing the present Chinese Republic. The real cause for so much disturbance and discontent in China was the ignorance of the people concerning the functions of their Government. They should become familiar with the things their Government stood for. "Go to school whenever the opportunity is presented. Education is the salvation of the Chinese Republic and it must be saved."

The speaker described the difficulties encountered in establishing the Republic Government, and again urged the people to maintain their Government, upon which so much time and money had been spent. He called their attention to the Republic of Switzerland, proclaiming it the only ideal republic in the world. Of the thirty-three existing Republics in existence to-day, Switzerland was the only one without a law.

A lengthy programme was gone through, consisting of the bowing ceremony to the National flag, Chinese music, duets, songs, playlets and dramatic shows, and a pianoforte solo was rendered by Miss A. Remedios.

## A GENERAL HOLIDAY.

There was a general holiday among the business people and all the schools were closed. Celebrations took place at the Chinese Y.M.C.A., the Ellis Kadoorie School, the Sacred Heart School, St. Paul's College, and at the Wanchai Theatre the Ching Ngo School held a gathering at which Chinese music and speech-making were included in the programme.

At the Seamen's Union gay decorations were put up, including a picture of Dr. Sun Yat Sen. Motor joy rides, organised by a number of labour guilds, took place, and others enjoyed themselves with a "bon tableau" display on a fleet of launches in the Harbour.

him in his retirement, with a fervent hope that in a better climate he may be entirely restored to health and may live for many years to enjoy his well-earned repose.

Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock: "On behalf of the unofficial members of this Council, I desire to state that we associate ourselves most cordially with the sentiments in regard to the retiring Treasurer which Your Excellency has just expressed. Formerly, as Attorney-General, and latterly, as an Unofficial Member of Council, I have sat in this Council for a period of over 15 years at the same table as the hon. member now retiring, and I can safely say, sir, from the long experience, that I have never met a man who so combined the qualities of sterling commonsense with the facility of going straight and direct to the very heart of matter under discussion. As Your Excellency has pointed out, Mr. Thomson has had a very long and distinguished period of service in this Colony, and I hope, sir, I am not infringing any rule of etiquette when I say that there is a somewhat general desire among the people in this Colony, if it would please H.M. the King, to give Mr. Thomson some mark of recognition for the long and distinguished service which you, sir, have referred to. Mr. Thomson, in the course of his long residence in the Colony, has made a very great many friends, and he will carry away with him on his departure, the cordial good wishes of the members of the community of Hongkong."

Hon. Colonial Treasurer (Mr. Thomson): As has been remarked, it is over 25 years since I first took my seat on this Council, and I am very much obliged for the kind expressions which have fallen from Your Excellency and from my hon. friend on my left. My experience of the Council has always been a happy one. Such small "scraps" as have occurred have left no mark on the general good-feeling prevailing. I am sorry to go. I may say that it is the most painful thing that has happened in my life up to date to have to take leave of you to-day. I beg to thank you for your kind wishes, sir, and to say farewell.

## BUS CONDUCTOR FINED \$50.

WRONG PRACTICE OF RETURNING BAD MONEY.

MAGISTRATE'S SUGGESTION.

The case in which a conductor employed by the Kowloon Motor Bus Company was charged with having uttered a counterfeit ten-cent coin and also with having in his possession ten spurious ten-cent pieces, was concluded at the Kowloon Magistracy, yesterday afternoon.

Detective-Sergeant Tyler gave evidence as to what was found in the conductor's bag. Altogether the money amounted to \$29.5, out of which defendant said \$2 was his own.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ, who appeared on behalf of the defendant, said that the whole case had arisen through the thoroughly rotten practice of the Company in giving suspected coins back to the conductors, and not caring twopence what became of them.

Mr. R. E. A. Webster, who watched the proceedings for the Company, pointed out that this was a universal practice in the Colony and elsewhere.

Mr. Russ, continuing, said the natural consequence was a great temptation to pass this money off. They felt that they were morally justified in getting rid of it. There was a very considerable element of doubt as to whether this man passed the bad coin, knowing it to be counterfeit. There had been a large number of complaints concerning bad money.

## LOT OF BAD COINS RECEIVED.

The Magistrate questioned whether Mr. Russ was in order, and Mr. Russ then decided he would put the defendant into the box, and said the man had made a statement to the effect that he collected all the bad money he received and took it to a money changer, who took some of the coins from him and gave him change in return.

Defendant, giving evidence, stated that he had been employed by the Company for about 11 months. On the day he was said to have given out the bad ten-cent piece, he received \$3 wages from the Company. He always collected what was thought to be spurious money and took it to a money changer. He let them accumulate, and kept them in his bag. In reply to a question put by Mr. Hamilton, defendant said that sometimes money refused by the Bus Company's shroff was changed at the money exchange.

Mr. Russ, addressing the Bench, said the Company's shroff admitted that they received quite a lot of bad coins. Yet there had been only one complaint made against this particular bus. With regard to the watchman's evidence, if a man desired to see something he generally did. This man expected to find a bad coin, and taking into consideration this viewpoint of that witness, his evidence should not be relied upon too much.

## EVIDENCE "CIRCUMSTANTIAL, BUT CONVINCING."

With regard to the spurious coins he possessed they were placed in the most difficult compartment of the bag to get at, which only went to prove that he did not think of passing them off amongst the change he gave to passengers. He was in an unfortunate position, his wife just having been confined, and he was hardly able to pay a big fine. He submitted that the evidence of intent was really very weak. There was quite a reasonable doubt in this case.

Mr. Hamilton said he had no hesitation in making a conviction. Had this man been given the spurious money by the Company's shroff on the morning of the day in question there would have been no case. The evidence was circumstantial, but, at the same time, it was very convincing. He could see no possible reason why an honest man should keep this counterfeit money in his bag. He could have kept it at home. It was not an ordinary case. It was a question of passing on bad coins. They had been passed on to the conductor, and the solicitor for the defence as Mr. Russ himself had admitted, had passed on bad money, though in small quantities.

Mr. Russ: I never said it was bad. Someone else said so. (Laughter.)

Mr. Hamilton fined defendant \$50, or, in default, one month's imprisonment with hard labour.

## A PRACTICE THAT IS ABSOLUTELY WRONG.

Mr. Hamilton: I think this practice of handing back bad money, which seems pretty general in the Colony, is absolutely wrong. It throws temptation in the way of these men. Spurious money should be destroyed. I trust that the Company will take steps to rectify their practice.

He suggested that the suspected money received should be kept in separate envelopes at the Company's headquarters, eventually to be sent to a money changer, or the Treasurer, who would have it destroyed.

Mr. Webster said he would put the suggestion before his clients, and was sure that something would be done in the matter.

## POLICE OFFICER COMPLIMENTED.

Mr. Hamilton complimented Detective-Sergeant Tyler on the way he had handled the case. It had been a difficult case, but he had been pleased in the way it had been handled.

At the conclusion of the case, defendant paid his fine.

## OUR WATER-SUPPLY.

(CONTINUED.)

For many years some of us have, in a quiet way, boasted about the water and the milk in Hongkong. We have told our friends in Shanghai, Singapore and other Far Eastern ports that with regard to water and milk, we were indeed fortunate in Hongkong. We have even said a few words on this subject in Great Britain and the United States. Our faith was sadly shaken by the events of July and August of 1921.

It is only fair to add that this is no attempt to blame the management responsible for the milk supply. Even if, because our faith has been shaken, we decide to boil all milk in future, it does not make us any the less thankful that we have in this Colony milk of such excellent physical properties.

Even if it were proved beyond cavil that the suggestions about the milk have any real foundation, it was, in actual fact, the polluted water that was the real cause of the trouble. There can be no doubt that the road-construction on the Peak has made one of the reservoirs liable to pollution.

## SAND FILTERS.

We, as citizens of a remarkable outpost of Empire, are only doing our duty if we interest ourselves in matters of public health. The supply of pure water is of the greatest importance.

Until quite recently all of the experts were of opinion that the only proper way to treat water intended for domestic purposes, the purity of which was questioned, was to pass it through sand filters. London is the healthiest city in the world and it is often quoted as an example of the efficiency of that system of filtration. Unfortunately these filters are very slow. The longer they remain in service the slower they become in action. Therefore storage reservoirs were brought into use.

It was found that prolonged storage of water in reservoirs not only gave the solids time to settle, and so saved the filter beds, but it also purified the water by destroying germs of disease.

The Metropolitan Water Board has a distinguished scientist, Sir Alexander Houston, as director of water examination. To him, more than to any other man, is due the gratitude of millions who have a constant supply of pure water in London and other places. Of course, he has a staff of assistants. The danger of an epidemic through tainted water in London may be less than the danger in Hongkong. The population of London is better acquainted with matters concerning the preservation of health and London is not in the tropics. The number of people supplied by the Metropolitan Water Board is greater. It would, however, be of interest to know the details of the staff under, and the expenditure permitted to, the director of water examinations to the Metropolitan Water Board.

## MECHANICAL FILTERS.

There are now various types of mechanical or pressure filters in use and no doubt the Metropolitan Water Board have useful data concerning their respective merits. In some cases the water is first of all treated with such substance as lime or sulphate of alumina. So far as information is available it seems that the use of quick-acting mechanical filters, which can be easily cleaned, is desirable. The larger particles held in suspension can be eliminated by them, but sand filtration is also used in connection with them.

As a result of the war chlorine was applied to the London water for sterilising purposes. The idea, originally, was to save the cost of pumping. In eight years Sir Alexander Houston saved £120,000 in that way, whilst the purity of London water remained unchallenged. It must be remembered that the main sources of the London water supplies are known to be polluted, but Sir Alexander Houston has protected the Londoner from the danger of the germ which spreads disease.

The problem of protecting the public in Hongkong is admittedly a difficult one. It cannot be solved, however, without expert advice. Most of our local troubles connected with health are made more difficult because we refuse to spend money. The local Government medical service is notoriously unattractive. We do not encourage scientific investigation. The Rockefeller Institute has helped the Colony in more ways than one. The Government seems reluctant to spend public money on scientific investigations in this Colony. If it brought forward proposals, even of an extravagant nature for research connected with local public health problems the general public would feel that the money was being well spent. In this climate "the first wealth is health." There are very few men in the cadet service who have even an elementary knowledge of science. It is, therefore, not surprising that science is still the Cinderella in the Government offices. We do not suggest that scientific men are born administrators, but a little advice in the Executive and Legislative Council deliberations from men of scientific training might encourage those of us who under present conditions despair of any real improvement. At present our gratitude goes out to the scientific members of the Sanitary Board. They do try to warn the general public. What is essential, however, is that the number of scientific men in the Government service should be increased and that the Government medical service should be made more attractive.



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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that ALL INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of BUSINESS on MONDAY, 13th OCTOBER, 1924.

By Order,

LOWE, RINGHAM & MATTHEWS,  
Secretaries,  
FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG,  
MARINE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF  
HONGKONG AND CANTON,  
Hongkong, 10th October, 1924. [1349]

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MELBOURNE, ADELAIDE  
SYDNEY AND BRISBANE  
(AUSTRALIA).

THE Steamship  
"TOHOKU MARU"  
having arrived from above ports, on 10th  
October, 1924, Consignees are hereby requested  
to present their Bills of Lading in exchange for  
Delivery Orders, and take immediate delivery  
from alongside the Steamer.

ALL Cargo not taken delivery from the  
Steamer by 11th October, 1924, will be landed  
into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous  
Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf  
and Godown Company, at Kowloon, and stored  
at Consignees' risk.

All broken, chafed and damaged Cargo is to  
be left in the Godowns, where it will be examined  
on the 16th October, 1924.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods  
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining  
undelivered by and after 14th October, 1924,  
will be subject to Rent.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.  
YAMASHITA KISEN KUGYO  
KAISHA,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 10th October, 1924. [1350]

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25th, 1924,  
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## HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE FIFTH EXTRA RACE MEET-  
ING will be held (weather permitting) at  
HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 11th, and  
MONDAY, 13th OCTOBER, 1924, commencing  
at 3.15 p.m. Each Day. The First Bell  
will be rung at 2.45 p.m.

The Charge for Admission to the Public  
Enclosure will be \$1.  
Soldiers and Sailors in uniform, Half Price.  
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The Stewards invite the Ladies of Hongkong  
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## HONGKONG BOXING ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that The  
FIFTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEET-  
ING of The HONGKONG BOXING AS-  
SOCIATION will be held at Messrs. JARDINE,  
MATTHEWS & CO., LTD.'s Board Room, on  
TUESDAY, the 14th day of OCTOBER,  
1924, at 5.15 p.m. for the following purposes—

1. To receive the General Committee's  
Report and Statement of Accounts for the  
year ending the 30th day of June,  
1924.
  2. To elect a Chairman, Vice-Chairman,  
Official Referee, Manager, Secretary and  
Treasurer and the General Committee for  
the year 1924-1925.
  3. To appoint an Auditor.
- By Order of the General Committee,  
T. G. BENNETT,  
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.  
Hongkong, 7th October, 1924. [1335]

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES  
ORDINANCES, 1911-1923.

IN THE MATTER OF THE HONG-  
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## The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, OCTOBER 11TH, 1924.

THE COLONY'S FREEDOM  
FROM PLAGUE.

THE annual "plague season" is con-  
sidered to be at an end by now and the  
fact that the Colony—for the first time  
in thirty years—has been entirely free  
from bubonic plague throughout the year  
is a matter of sufficient interest and  
importance to justify the prominence  
given to it at the last meeting of the  
Sanitary Board. It was in the year 1894  
that bubonic plague first made its ap-  
pearance in Hongkong and claimed no  
fewer than 2,547 victims. Though there  
has been no year since, until the present,  
in which the Colony has been entirely  
free of the disease, it is worth pointing  
out that no annual epidemic has claimed  
a larger number of victims than the first  
of the series, notwithstanding the fact  
that the population of the Colony in the  
meantime has trebled. Only in one year  
of the past thirty has the total risen  
above the 2,000 mark. That was in 1914,  
but in several years the total was over  
a thousand. As recently as 1923 as many  
as 1,181 cases were notified. In 1923 the  
number was only 148. There have been  
years in which the total was much less  
than that. In 1910, for instance, there  
were only 23 cases; in 1916 the number  
was 29, and in the following year 33, but,  
as the experience of subsequent years has  
shown, these low figures did not contain  
a trustworthy assurance that at last  
the Sanitary Department had gained the  
mastery over the disease. Though in  
eight years following the year 1914, the  
yearly total of cases did not average  
much over 200 a year—in two years being  
over the 400 mark and in two other years  
embraced in the period being below 40  
a year—the comforting reflection that the  
disease was steadily being exterminated  
received a rude shock in 1922 when, as

we have stated, no fewer than 1,181 cases  
were notified. When therefore we review  
the statistics it is impossible to be con-  
fident that because we have enjoyed com-  
plete freedom from plague this year, we  
may not see a recurrence of the  
epidemic next year. However, we hope  
that one clear year will be followed by  
other clear years. The anti-plague cam-  
paign so long maintained by the Sanitary  
Department was bound to tell in the end,  
and in each decade we have not only  
seen a reduction in the average yearly  
cases, but a far more striking reduction  
in the percentage of cases, taking into  
account the great growth in the popula-  
tion. Rat extermination is regarded as  
the principal key to the success of the  
campaign. We do not know how many  
millions of dead rats have been examined  
since the campaign was started, but we  
see from last year's Medical Reports that  
post-mortems were held on nearly a  
hundred thousand rats in 1923, and among  
all these only eleven were found to be  
plague infected. We shall never be able  
to keep the Colony free of rats, and this  
campaign of extermination has to go on  
from year to year and every dead rat has  
to be examined for evidences of plague.  
The means of communication of plague  
to human beings is the flea which leaves  
the plague infected rat. Hongkong's  
freedom during the past year is all the  
more remarkable because, according to the  
Canton papers, plague was fairly preva-  
lent in that City some months ago, and  
it has hitherto been an article of faith  
in the Sanitary Department that when  
plague is prevalent at Canton it will  
inevitably spread to Hongkong because  
of the great daily passenger and freight  
traffic between the two places. This year,  
at all events, the theory has been falsi-  
fied. Even if next year disappoints our  
hope that plague has been at last ex-  
terminated in the Colony, the evidence  
of the whole range of the statistics of  
plague shows that the efforts of the  
Sanitary Department have not been in  
vain; and while a year's complete free-  
dom from the disease is an achievement  
upon which the Department can well be  
congratulated, it will be a source of satis-  
faction to the public to know that there  
is to be no relaxation of the measures by  
which this happy result is believed to  
have been achieved.

Yesterday morning up to 2 p.m. the  
rainfall recorded at the Observatory was  
3.95 inches.

Mr. C. A. D. Melbourne took the place  
of Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon  
Magistracy, yesterday morning.

For being in unlawful possession of  
four coconuts, a Chinese was fined \$4  
at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday  
morning, and on a further charge of  
offering a bribe of 40 cents to an Indian  
constable, defendant was fined \$10.

Charged at Kowloon Magistracy yester-  
day with causing an obstruction by  
leaving a quantity of building material  
in Shanghai Street, a building contractor  
named Tse Sui was fined \$10, and an  
order was made for the clearance of the  
obstruction within 48 hours.

S. Matthews, described as a ship's  
officer, and whose address was given as  
"care of the Kowloon Docks," had a  
\$30 bail entrusted yesterday morning,  
when he failed to appear at the Central  
Magistracy to answer a charge of failing  
to pay for hired motor-cars.

At the Kowloon Magistracy, yesterday,  
Mr. C. D. Melbourne made an order for  
the confiscation of five Smith and Wesson  
revolvers and 950 rounds of ammunition.  
Revenue Officer Lanigan stated that the  
arms and ammunition were found un-  
claimed on a wharf at the Kowloon  
Godowns.

When Capt. J. B. McCaw, of the s.s.  
Eok Sun, answered a summons at the  
Marine Magistracy yesterday for having,  
as alleged, moved his ship without per-  
mission from buoy A6 to buoy B11 on  
July 1st, Mr. C. J. Thompson, Chief  
Boarding Officer, asked permission to  
withdraw the summons. This was grant-  
ed.

Mr. Julien Eymar, manager of the  
Lyons firm of Messrs. Boyer, Malet &  
Co., silk merchants of Canton, is retiring  
and leaving for home on the *Amboise*.  
Mr. Eymar has been in Canton for the  
past seventeen years and has been a  
very highly esteemed member of the  
Shamoen community who much regret his  
departure.

Miss Elizabeth Keith begs to announce  
that, owing to the success of the two  
days' exhibition of colour prints held  
at the Hongkong Hotel Roof Garden on  
Thursday and Friday, she has decided to  
continue the exhibition to-day. The ex-  
hibition will be open in the morning from  
11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 p.m. to  
6 p.m.—ADVT.

Two men charged on remand at the  
Central Magistracy yesterday with the  
unlawful possession of daggers, were  
fined \$100 each by Mr. R. E. Lindell  
as an alternative to hard labour. The  
case was paid. The case was one in  
which Inspector Appleton explained at  
the last hearing that there were  
mysterious aspects, a threatening demand  
for \$1,000 being involved in it.

THE NEW CHURCH OF  
CHRIST.CORNER STONE LAID  
YESTERDAY.

The heavy downpours of rain yesterday  
afternoon interfered seriously with the  
set programme for the ceremony of the  
laying of the corner-stone of the new  
edifice at Bonham Road of the Church of  
Christ in China, popular known as the  
Hongkong Mission Church. There was a  
large attendance of Chinese to witness  
the ceremony. Unfortunately, just before  
the commencement of the proceedings,  
the rainfall was exceptionally heavy and  
the Chairman (Dr. Wan Man Kai) an-  
nounced in the course of a short opening  
address that it was necessary to curtail  
the proceedings.

The site for the new church was de-  
corated with bunting and flags in honour  
of the occasion but these presented no  
joyous appearance in the steady fall of  
rain. There was also an abundance of  
plants adorning the site and these, un-  
like the flags, looked charmingly fresh.  
A specially erected platform, fortunately  
roofed with matting, was situated at one  
side of the site, and on this stage the  
Church choir, the officials of the Church,  
the Rev. T. W. Pearce, LL.D., who laid  
the stone, the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald,  
the Rev. Chiu Kwun Hoi, Secretary of  
the Council of the Church in Kwangtung,  
the Rev. Cheung Chok-Ling, Pastor of  
the Church, the Rev. Li Shu Kwai, the  
Rev. Yung Ting Shang and others assem-  
bled.

Dr. Wan Man Kai, in opening the pro-  
ceedings, referred to the unfortunate  
state of the weather and also to the large  
number of people present which clearly  
proved that the congregation realised the  
importance of the event. The ceremony,  
he said, had been delayed for a long  
time owing to the work of the Govern-  
ment in widening the road at the  
corner of No. 8 Police Station, but now  
that the corner stone was to be laid he  
hoped that the work of construction  
would be proceeded with as fast as pos-  
sible and that the church would soon be  
completed.

After the singing of the hymns in  
Chinese and the offering up of prayers  
the Rev. T. W. Pearce laid the corner  
stone, bearing his name in gold lettering.  
Several short addresses in Chinese  
brought the proceedings to a close.  
The new Church of Christ when com-  
pleted will cost a quarter of a million  
dollars and it is to have seating accom-  
modation for 1,500 people.

## THE TYPHOON.

The Royal Observatory announced in  
the midday report yesterday that the  
typhoon appeared to be nearly stationary  
about 100 miles E. or E.N.E. of the  
Philippines.

The Manila warbling yesterday morning  
was that the typhoon was in Lat. 21  
degrees N., Long. 117 degrees E., moving  
W.N.W.

A report from the Royal Observatory,  
Hongkong, states that at 5.35 p.m. yester-  
day, pressure has decreased moderate-  
ly over N.E. Japan and slightly at Che-  
foo. It had increased slightly over For-  
mosa and Luzon and was nearly station-  
ary at Hongkong.

Reports from the *Empress of Australia*  
indicate that the typhoon was in about  
Lat. 23deg. N. and Long. 117deg. E., at  
2 p.m. yesterday, moving N.N.W.

## TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

The local Observatory forecasts strong  
and moderating N.W. to S.W. winds and  
more rain for to-day.

FAR EASTERN CABLE  
NEWS.

[THROUGH RUSSIA'S AGENCY.]

## CHINA OUT OF HER DEPTH.

## HOME FINANCIAL CRITICISM.

LONDON, October 10th.

An article in the *Financial News* takes  
an optimistic view of the commercial and  
industrial progress of China, but con-  
cludes by saying that China is out of  
her depth. Thirteen years of experiment-  
ing with a form government entirely  
foreign to her nature and history and  
people have shown clearly that, without  
assistance, China may rapidly sink into  
decadence and become an international  
menace, while with sound guidance and  
strong but fair control by the Powers,  
China and her people could be developed  
into a factor making for the permanent  
peace of the world.

## SOVIET-MUKDEN AGREEMENT.

JAPAN SURPRISED.

PEKING, October 10th.

Reuter's correspondent learns from an  
authoritative source that the Japanese  
Government knew nothing about the  
Soviet-Mukden agreement until after it  
had been signed, the terms of the agree-  
ment coming as a complete surprise.  
While no official statement on the subject  
can yet be made, the Japanese consider  
that the Soviet coup de main in regard  
to the Chinese Eastern Railway intro-  
duces an entirely new situation, giving  
the Russians complete control of the  
commercial affairs of the railway, and  
that the whole situation requires the most  
careful consideration on the part of  
Japan.

Incidentally, the agreement seems to  
have seriously shaken the Chinese Govern-  
ment's confidence in the Soviet Amba-  
sador, while Chang Tso Lin's part in the  
negotiations is an unwelcome surprise to  
the Japanese.

## RUSSO-JAPAN RELATIONS.

## M. KARAKHAN'S STATEMENT.

LONDON, October 10th.

A Moscow message states that M.  
Karakhan, the Soviet Ambassador at  
Peking, in an interview, declared that  
the Russo-Japanese negotiations have  
entered the final stage. The principal  
questions in connection with the Taishan  
debt are practically settled. The two  
countries have agreed to postpone the  
settlement of the Novo-Nikolaievsk  
incident and would conclude a treaty pro-  
viding for the examination of all public  
and private claims at a future conference.  
The question of the evacuation of Sagha-  
lien had not raised any difficulties. The  
only danger was that Japan might prolong  
the negotiations into the winter and thus  
have a pretext for postponing the evacu-  
ation. The Soviet Government was pre-  
pared to place at the disposal of Japan  
forty per cent. of the oil-bearing terri-  
tory in the Saghalien fort concessions.  
The outcome of the conference now de-  
pends upon Japan's commercial claims.

FRENCH TRADE MISSION TO  
FAR EAST.

PARIS, October 9th.

The French mission to Japan, men-  
tioned earlier, leaves in January, and  
will be absent for two months. It is  
headed by an engineer, M. Ader, of the  
Ministry of Commerce which is organ-  
ising the scheme jointly with the Ministry  
of Foreign Affairs with a view to develop-  
ing French interests in the Far East.  
The Government has invited the big  
industrial concerns to appoint members  
to the mission and contribute to its cost,  
and select their own delegates for each  
trade represented. The Government has  
been led to organise this mission in con-  
sequence of the success achieved by a  
similar Belgian mission to the Far East.

## ARGENTINE FLIGHT.

SHANGHAI, October 10th.

A message from Kagoshima says that  
Major Zanni has left for Kushimoto.

KUSHIMOTO, October 10th.

Major Zanni has arrived.

## THE WATER SUPPLY.

The Water return for October 1st  
gives the storage in the reservoirs supply-  
ing the City as 1,811 million gallons  
against 2,145 millions on the same date  
last year. The consumption during  
September was 281 million gallons  
against 211 million during September last  
year. The supply was restricted in 1923  
owing to the failure of the Bowen Road  
conduit, while in 1924 a full supply was  
given except in districts west of Eastern  
Street.

At Kowloon the storage was 374 million  
gallons against 398 million on the same  
date last year, and the consumption 80  
million gallons during September against  
69 million during September, 1923, with  
a fully supply during the month for both  
years.



## CABLES.

## LATEST CABLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BRITISH GENERAL ELECTION  
THIS MONTH.

## THE FIGHT BEGINS.

## GENERAL PARTY ENTHUSIASM.

LONDON, October 10th.

The majority of the members of the House of Commons have already gone to their constituencies, where, to-day, the election battle begins in earnest. There are indications that the Conservatives and Liberals will avoid a three-cornered contest in a number of constituencies by mutual cohesions with the approval of their leaders. Several Conservative organs openly advocate this course, though the Liberal organs are opposed to any co-operation. All the party headquarters are feverishly active. All profess to be well prepared. The Liberals up to now have only 200 candidates, but hope to put in the field nearly as many as a year ago.

Various party leaders are arranging to address big demonstrations throughout the country. Nearly 30 women candidates are already in the field compared with 23 in the last election. The number includes eight Conservatives and 17 Labourites. The Labour Party is optimistic of returning with increased strength.

The Unionists are confident that they will recover many of the seats lost on the Protection issue. Some are even prophesying to obtain a clear majority. The crisis has only slightly affected the stock markets, where the removal of uncertainty has been welcomed.

## EARLIER CABLES.

## 35 DAYS TO GENERAL ELECTION.

LONDON, October 9th.

In the House of Commons, Mr. MacDonald said he regretted that the action of the opposition parties yesterday evening had rendered an election inevitable. His Majesty had consented to the dissolution (Ministerial cheers). The Government was anxious to prevent the general election from being postponed to the prorogation tonight, the nominations for October 10th, and the election for October 20th. (Ministerial cheers). The date of the election would be dependent on the Irish Bill finally passing to-day, but he understood there would be no difficulty in the Lords to-day, and the dissolution could occur to-night. Parliament would meet a week or two after October 20th.

## IRISH BILL PASSED.

The Royal Assent has been given to the Irish Bill, and Parliament has been prorogued.

In the House of Lords, on the Irish Bill discussion, Lord Carson moved, but subsequently withdrew, an amendment that the Ulster Parliament should be consulted equally with the Free State before the Act be enforced; and the Bill then passed its third reading. The Bill thus passed both Houses, unamended, the declaratory amendment mentioned yesterday not being incorporated in the Bill, which received Royal Assent this evening.

## DATE OF THE ELECTION.

Mr. MacDonald in the House of Commons announced that the general election would take place on October 29th.

## KING'S PROROGATION SPEECH.

The King's speech on the prorogation of Parliament says it believes the Dawes settlement will largely contribute to the restoration of international commerce and hopes that the disarmament and security protocol as adopted by the Assembly of the League of Nations, which will be laid before Parliament as soon as possible, will lead to the first practical measures for lightening the heavy burdens of the nations.

The speech refers to the Anglo-Russian treaties as a necessary element in the general pacification and economic reconstruction of Europe. It regrets the failure of the informal discussions with the Prime Minister of Egypt; and says that steps have been taken in conjunction with the Governments of the Dominions for more efficient marketing of food in this country.

## INDUSTRY AND UNEMPLOYMENT.

Though there are signs of a distinct improvement in industry, the severe depression continues. The Ministers have been actively engaged in the development of a constructive policy to stimulate industry and encourage trade as the only means of dealing fundamentally with unemployment. Meanwhile the provision of increased unemployment benefit has lightened the burdens of the ratepayers and alleviated the sufferings of innocent victims of industrial depression. It hopes the measures taken for a fifteen years building programme will effectively remedy the serious overcrowding; and concludes by referring to the measures taken to assist agriculture and regulate the wages of agricultural labourers, as well as to take a new census of production and free educational development from recent restrictions.

## THE IMPERIAL CONFERENCE.

## NOT TO BE POSTPONED.

LONDON, October 9th.

Mr. J. H. Thomas in the House of Commons said that yesterday evening's happenings would not interfere with the Government proceeding with the proposed Imperial Conference.

## LATEST CABLES.

AMERICANS AND PERSIAN  
OIL.SINCLAIR COMPANY'S  
CONCESSION.

TEHRAN, October 10th.

Representatives of the Sinclair Company (viz., the Pan-American Petroleum Company) have telegraphed to the Persian Government accepting a petroleum concession in North Persia though a loan which was originally a condition of the concession will not be made.

## GERMANY AND THE LEAGUE.

## THE BRITISH ATTITUDE.

LONDON, October 10th.

The British reply to the recent German memorandum in regard to Germany's admission to the League of Nations has been handed to the German Charge d'Affaires. It is understood that it welcomes Germany as a member of the League, but emphasises that as regards any special conditions, this is a matter for the League to decide without any outside interference.

## IRAQ BORDER DISPUTE.

## MENACING TURKISH FORCES.

LONDON, October 10th.

Anxiety is increasing in regard to the critical situation developing on the Iraq frontier, where an invading Turkish force has not only maintained its ground but has been reinforced and is continually pushing forward pickets into Angora. Up to now it has practically ignored the British notes and verbal remonstrances.

ANGLO-DUTCH AIR  
AGREEMENT.

THE HAGUE, October 10th.

The Second Chamber has accepted a provisional Anglo-Dutch agreement regarding air navigation.

## EARLIER CABLES.

THE WORLD'S SPORT,  
HOME LADIES' GOLF TITLE.

## MISS WETHERED IN FINAL.

LONDON, October 9th.

At Coodenbeach, in the English Ladies' golf championship, Miss Joyce Wethered, the holder, defeated Miss Cecil Leitch in the sixth round, by 4 and 3; and beat Lady Cruise by 6 and 5 in the semi-final.

Miss Wethered meets Miss Fowler in the final to-morrow.

## AMERICAN BASEBALL.

## WORLD SERIES RESULT.

New York, October 10th.

Playing at New York, Washington defeated New York by 2 to 1.

THE CIVIL WAR IN  
CHINA.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

## CHANG REPLIES TO DIPLOMATS.

PEKING, October 9th.

Chang Tso Lin, in his reply to the diplomats' Memorandum, states that should he attack the capital, he will instruct his subordinates to endeavour to avoid injury to the Legation Quarter. He fully realised that there are historic monuments in Peking, as elsewhere in China, and if the diplomats wish to avoid danger of these being injured they should get President Tso Kun and Wu Pei Fu to leave Peking.

Wu Pei Fu and his staff will go to the front to-morrow.

## FENGTIEN FORCES RETREATING.

PEKING, October 9th.

A communiqué issued this evening claims a victory on the Shanhaikwan front, and adds that the Fengtien forces are retreating.

## EUROPEAN LADY ATTACKED.

MEN CHARGED AT CENTRAL  
COURT.

## COMPLAINANT IN HOSPITAL.

Three men who last Wednesday were arrested in connection with a robbery with violence on Mrs. Florence Deacon, of Broadwood Road, while she was walking that thoroughfare on the 4th inst., were brought up before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy yesterday and formally remanded.

The date of their next appearance before the Magistrate will depend on the state of Mrs. Deacon's health. Inspector Aris explained to Mr. Lindell yesterday that she had been admitted to hospital, and was in a serious condition as a result of her experience.

The men were also charged with being concerned in a recent armed assault and robbery in a Kennedy Road, when the victim was a ricksha coolie.

A fourth man, charged with receiving Mrs. Deacon's gold watch, alleged to have been stolen by the three other men, was also remanded until such time as Mrs. Deacon is well enough to attend the Court.

## WEMBLEY IN 1925.

HOME GOVERNMENT IN FAVOUR  
OF RE-OPENING.

LONDON, October 10th.

It is authoritatively stated that the Government has decided in favour of re-opening the Empire Exhibition in 1925. The extent to which the Dominions will participate is not yet known, but the Cabinet committee concluded by stating that even if some of the exhibitors withdraw, there is still a larger number ready to replace them.

## THE OFFICIAL GUARANTEE.

QUESTION OF SUBSTANTIAL  
INCREASE.

LONDON, October 9th.

In the House of Commons, replying to a question, Mr. MacDonald said he believed the proposal had not yet been passed to increase the British Government guarantee to the Empire Exhibition from a hundred thousand to six hundred thousand pounds sterling. He said it could be carried out administratively, but the matter was still being investigated.

## NEWFOUNDLAND SCANDAL.

## EX-PREMIER NOT INDICTED.

St. John's (Newfoundland), Oct. 9th.

The Grand Jury have rejected an indictment against the ex-Premier, Sir Richard Squires, charged with larceny of public funds, holding that the evidence of his female ex-secretary is insufficient to warrant a true bill.

## HINDU-MOSLEM ENMITY.

FURTHER TROUBLE AT  
ALLAHABAD.

ALLAHABAD, October 9th.

Hindu-Moslem disturbances continue. Three people were killed and 20 injured to-day, totalling 9 killed and 70 injured since October 6th.

## WAR AND THE RAILWAY.

DISGRACEFUL CONDUCT OF  
CHIHILI MILITARISTS.

THE FATE OF BRITAIN.

About 37,000 Chihili troops had passed through Tientsin since the beginning of the mobilization against Manchuria down to September 28th, since when few troops have come down from Peking. The conduct of the Chihili militarists on the railway continues to be disgraceful, says the *P. and T. Times*. Members of the Traffic Staff are off duty at Peking and Fengtai as the result of savage assaults. Railway employees are constantly being assaulted or threatened by the soldiers and their officers. The commandeering of cars and interference with traffic frequently necessitate the cancelling of trains between Peking and Tientsin. Most of the platform space at the Chengyangmen (Peking) Station is occupied by cars which are being held in readiness for Marshal Wu Pei-fu and his staff. The presence of foreign troops at Tientsin East has served to keep the militarists in check. The only casualty reported here up to date is a yard coolie, who received a sword cut on the head. But on the afternoon of the 23rd inst. the conduct of the troops escorting an aeroplane special nearly led to serious consequences. The Annamese guard was turned out, and a machine gun actually mounted on the platform, when the railway officials and railway police intervened, and managed to prevent further trouble.

A typical instance of the sort of thing passengers between Peking and Tientsin must now expect, occurred on Saturday. The trains which should have left at 5.45 and 5.55 a.m. were replaced by a train which actually left Peking about 9.45 crowded with passengers. This train included a dining car, which like every other car was absolutely packed. It got to Fengtai, and proceeded to Huangtupe, the next station, where it was stopped by a wire from Fengtai ordering the immediate return of the dining car to that station. As far as can be ascertained, some Chihili militarist at Fengtai, who had caught sight of the dining car, decided that he would like it for his own use—hence the order. The numerous passengers, foreign and Chinese, in the dining-car, with their baggage, were therefore ejected, and had to find what accommodation they could in the remaining cars. Many of them had to ride in the vestibules, and some of them are said to have been unable to find any room except on the roofs. Among the passengers thus treated was Miss Hoare, sister of the Councillor of the British Legation, who was on her way to Tientsin and Shanghai. Her baggage was mislaid in the ensuing confusion, and was not recovered until late. Meanwhile, presumably, the Chihili militarist responsible for this outrage, had his tiffin and afternoon nap in the commandeered car.

THE LAST OF THE  
GONDOLIERI.

All accounts agree as to the remarkable change which has come over the national life of Italy since Fascism took it in hand. We hear now of the impending reform of Venice. In less than two years the last gondola will have disappeared from the waters of the Queen of the Adriatic. It may seem incredible, but it is true, that this has been ordained deliberately by the head of the city administration, Signor Giordano, who, as our correspondent in Rome has stated, lately signed an agreement with a local electrical-engineering company, by the terms of which every large boat and gondola in Venice is to be fitted, within the space of twenty months, with an electrically-driven motor. Signor Giordano is, it seems, a Royal High Commissioner appointed as Acting Mayor, presumably because of differences of opinion between the Fascist Government and the titular Mayor. There is nothing out of the common in that, but what cannot be used in such an act of absolutism as the decreed transformation of all gondolas into motor-boats, in spite of the passionate protests of artists, antiquaries, hotel-keepers, tourist agencies, and, of course, gondoliers, whose ancient order is not merely threatened, but apparently doomed irrevocably to extinction. The Commissioner's exercise of his powers is a matter with which we have no concern, but all the world is plainly interested in the disappearance of what for centuries has been a thing essential to the romance and beauty of Venice. A gondola without a gondolier, without the long, sweeping oar and the graceful movement of its wielder, will be no gondola, it need hardly be said. To fit up a gondola as a motor-boat is like running a tramway through Stonehenge, or crowning the Lord Mayor of London in his paucity of state with a bowler hat. It is clear that the local interests think so, or think that those visiting Venice will think so, in which they are undoubtedly right. Old Londoners have lamented, and still lament, the passing of the hansom-cab, with which the life of our capital did suffer an artistic loss; but what is that compared with the electrification of the gondolas, and the transformation of the picturesque person standing and swaying at the oar into a mechanic crouching over an engine? At a loss for any other explanation, we conjecture that the Acting Mayor may be a pupil of Marinetti, the founder of the Futurist movement in art and letters, who clamoured for the destruction of all museums and monuments of the past in Italy, and reserved his most violent diatribes for the preserving of the ancient glory and romance of this very Venice. Be that as it may, it seems that the fiat has gone forth beyond recalling, and that the modernisation of Venice is to be begun at a point at which the foreign visitor will like it least.—*The Times*.

## PROSPEROUS FRANCE.

ATTRACTING THE IMMIGRANT.  
THE DEVASTATED AREAS.

THE FATE OF BRITAIN.

For nearly three years unemployment in the ordinary acceptance of the word has been practically non-existent in France. Since 1922 that country has been on the flood-tide of a brilliant economic revival, and the problem has been the dearth of labour, which has consistently retarded production. France, unlike Great Britain, has no need to consider emigration schemes for a surplus population. She is welcoming a constant stream of immigrants. Something like 6,000 foreign workers have been arriving each week, and that figure does not conclusively reflect the position, inasmuch as coal-miners and agricultural labourers, the two classes in greatest demand, enter the country without registration. This growth in the foreign element, in the population, though it has been evident since the beginning of the century, has recently become very pronounced. Last year alone there were 262,000 immigrants, and of these 112,500 were Italians, 53,000 were Belgians, and 12,000 Portuguese. Nearly half that total found employment in the devastated regions. Italians in France now number at least 550,000. Belgians 470,000, Spaniards 380,000, and Poles 120,000, though the alien influx includes representatives of practically every nation in Europe.

The foregoing facts and figures are taken from the report on the economic conditions in France, prepared by Mr. J. R. Cahill, Commercial Counsellor in Paris to the British Embassy. The report, which tells the story of France's post-war recovery in a very complete and remarkable form, has been issued by the Department of Overseas Trade, and copies are obtainable from H.M. Stationery Office (5s. 3d.).

In dealing with the magnitude of the recent immigration movement, which he describes as a "striking phenomenon," Mr. Cahill notes that France seems destined to receive even greater numbers of Italians and Poles, as a consequence both of her own mining, metallurgical, and agricultural requirements, and of the overgrowing populations of those countries no longer possessing an outlet in the United States.

## BRITISH WORKERS' PREJUDICES.

Less success, on the other hand, has attended the efforts to tempt over the Channel any considerable proportion of the unemployed from England. Last year, for instance, one big French establishment concerned with the repair of locomotives and rolling stock offered to engage several hundreds of unmarried, skilled workers for an indefinite period, paying them attractive wages and providing them with very comfortable houses, and even placing recreation rooms and football pitches at their disposal. This scheme did not succeed.

Obstacles from the British workers' viewpoint have been the language difficulty, operative not only in the workshop but in social relations and leading to comparative isolation for at least a considerable period; the change of food habits as regards kind of food or manner of meals, (e.g., absence of substantial morning meal); the necessity for working the whole or part of Saturday afternoon; the dissimilarity in housing accommodation; and not least because the normal wages have appeared small on conversion into English currency. 20 francs a day with the exchange at 80 having appeared as only five shillings a day.

The Commercial Counsellor describes how resolutely France has tackled the problem of her devastated areas, and he estimates that by next summer the work of reconstruction for all practical economic purposes will have been completed. Early in 1924 there was a population of 1,254,000 in the ten departments officially comprised in the war areas, and a mere 430,000 fewer than 1914. Ordered local administration has been re-established in 3,239 out of 3,255 communes where it had been suspended, and there are actually more public schools, as well as more teachers, in these districts than there were before the war began. By next spring one-fifth of the ruined churches may be well advanced towards restoration or actual replacement. Live stock has increased eight-fold since the Armistice, the wheat crop has regained the pre-war output, and the sugar beet crop is rapidly extending under the stimulus of the bigger sugar consumption.

Extremely rapidly progress has been made in the last eighteen months in the salvaging and speeding up of production in the devastated coal mines in the Nord and Pas-de-Calais departments. By 1925, given sufficient labour, they will doubtless exceed their pre-war output. A similar prophecy is made in regard to the coke supply. Several entirely new undertakings have been opened out in the regions where the armies had fought, and the effect of this programme of reconstruction and development will be, as Mr. Cahill observes, a great reinforcement of the industrial power of Northern France.

## MODERN METHODS IN TRADE.

Surveying the position of French industry over the widest field, the report declares that its processes and equipment have been completely modernised, and the industrial capacity of the country, alike from the material and technical standpoints, is far superior to that of 1914. France has found in Alsace a wonderful range of acquisitions to her natural resources and manufacturing power; she has carried out a wholesale reconstruction of the textile industries, coal and iron mines, metallurgical and engineering works, and glass and chemical works in the devastated districts; and she is benefiting by the war-time transplantation of industry from those same regions to centres like Lyons, Grenoble, Bordeaux, and Rouen. She has also consolidated her great industries in order that they can play their part in the realm of modern production.

## SOVIET TREATIES.

NO INFORMATION REGARDING  
ORIGIN OF "FULL POWERS."

POWER OF RATIFICATION.

The following letter by Mr. F. J. Right relative to the Anglo-Soviet Treaties appeared recently in the *London Times*—

1.—Last April I drew attention to the serious modification of Constitutional practice involved in the Government that in future all treaties would be presented to Parliament for ratification; the power to conclude a treaty not emanating from Parliament, it could not assume the "prior command" involved in ratification. The procedure adopted in regard to the Anglo-Soviet Treaties constitutes a new departure from that practice in the following particulars (I deal with the general Treaty only):

1.—It is not made in the name of the King, but between "the States," of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, of the one hand, and "the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics of the other hand"; (2) hand "being substituted for the customary "part," possibly to represent in a figurative manner the joining of hands in "recognition";

2.—The "full powers" which the respective plenipotentiaries have "found in good and due form" do not emanate, on the side of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, from the sovereign authority of that State.

3.—Articles 2 to 4 deal with existing treaties to which sovereign authority is a high contracting party, in a manner which, I think, is of doubtful constitutionality.

4.—The Treaty is to be "ratified"; but no indication being given as to the origin of the "full powers," the authority from whom the ratification is to proceed remains in doubt.

It may appear to be the height of technicality—or, if you will, it illustrates the depth to which technicality can descend—when I say that if the provisions of the Treaty had been embodied in an "agreement," these defects would disappear if the necessary legislation were passed (except (3)), as to which I am doubtful. The Government has a right to enter into agreements with other Governments within the law; and if beyond the law, subject to the approval of Parliament. But treaties are part of the "law of the land" in so far as they do not profess to alter it, and as such are given effect to by the Courts. The points I have indicated are so serious that it is conceivable that, the question being in issue, the Courts might hold this Treaty to be *ultra vires*, as not having been made in the law requires.

That the doctrine of the treaty-making prerogative is to-day in need of careful revision no constitutional lawyer will deny. Its weak points—that it leaves too much power to the Foreign Secretary, and that Parliament is left to disapprove the Minister's signature—were emphasised in the House of Commons debate. But where legislation is necessary, it has the power to decline to pass it, and this is a more effective defence against encroachments of the prerogative than an indeterminate refusal to ratify something which it had no power to authorise. I agree that, sooner or later, many old prerogatives must pass into the melting-pot of practical revision; but the course adopted in the present case resembles too much the method of the blow-pipe. Revision should not be a very difficult matter; for the prerogative is exercised on the advice of a responsible Minister; treaties are framed by a responsible Department. The Government for the time being, therefore, has it all its own way; and it is not good that a Government, however able, should in so important a matter be practically free from the control of Parliament.

THEATRICAL PROMOTER'S  
AFFAIRS.

MR. C. B. COCHRAN'S HEAVY LOSSES.

At a meeting of the creditors of Mr. C. B. Cochran, theatrical producer, on September 2nd, the Official Receiver referred to Mr. Cochran's big losses in various theatrical and boxing enterprises, necessitating the borrowing of money at heavy interest to pay authors and others. Mr. Cochran estimated his liabilities at about £80,000. His assets included many shares in various Companies but he did not expect them to produce much. As a matter of fact, all his assets of any value were charged.

A resolution was passed for bankruptcy, and the appointment of joint trustees.

Mr. Cochran's representative said that some of his friends hoped to assist him in making a proposal which would satisfy his creditors.

of international competition. Several of the big metallurgical concerns have increased their capital and further extended their influence in France itself, Holland, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Rumania, and Austria. The chemical industries have seen a highly important amalgamation of their principal dyestuffs concern with one of the two dominating concerns in the heavy chemical trade.

French foreign trade has been extremely active, and within the last twelve months, the weight and value of the exported goods have shown an astonishing growth. Notwithstanding the adverse influence of the exchanges, our Ally's best customer is still Great Britain, which takes 20 per cent. of her exports, followed closely by Belgium. From Great Britain she in turn takes more imports than she takes from any other country. Coal represented two-fifths of the value of all British imports to France in 1923, and this year the situation may be affected by the resumption of deliveries from Germany, suspended subsequent to the Ruhr occupation, and by the increased output of coal and coke in France.—*Daily Telegraph*.



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## NELSON AND THE FLEET.

## SOME UNPUBLISHED DOCUMENTS.

## SAILORS' WELFARE.

The *Times* announces that a remarkable collection of Nelson papers has recently come to light. It is in the possession of Messrs. Robson & Co., who have kindly allowed it to be examined systematically.

The history of the papers from the time when they left Nelson's hands is at present unknown; their former owner, from whom Messrs. Robson acquired them, had them for several years, but all else is a subject for conjecture.

This, however, is of relatively small importance, as there can be no doubt of their authenticity. The papers are, with a few exceptions, not autographs by Nelson; they consist almost entirely of formal documents and reports made to Nelson by the officers of the ships under his command during the two periods when he flew his flag in the Mediterranean. The similar papers for his Baltic and Downs commands are not here.

The papers were in bundles when acquired by Messrs. Robson, who have since arranged them and bound them up in 15 handsome folio volumes. The documents are such as are not preserved in the public records, and illustrate in great detail the administrative working of the Fleet. They cover all questions of maintenance and supply, both of the ships' companies and of the ships themselves. There is thus much valuable material for a complete knowledge of how the Fleet was victualled; the medical returns and reports, especially from 1803 to 1805, the period of the blockade of Toulon, are equally satisfactory; and there are interesting papers concerning the clothing of the men. Similarly for the ships there are a great many "state and condition" returns, showing the state of the complement, and of the provision on board; and there are numerous returns and reports of surveys on all the stores on board, boatswains', gunners', carpenters' stores—i.e., of the whole technical outfit of the ship; and also of the medical stores.

In addition to these, there are letters and reports from agents and shore establishments belonging to the command. The agents ashore were chiefly concerned with the victualling; the most important of the establishments were the naval hospitals at Gibraltar and Malta. There are also petitions; a group of papers relating to Calder's blockade of Ferrol, which perhaps do not rightly belong to the collection; and some of Nelson's private accounts, referring chiefly to the time of his service as a captain. In all the number of documents is about 3,500. No such collection, even on a smaller scale, is known to exist elsewhere.

## THE "VICTORY'S" ENSIGN.

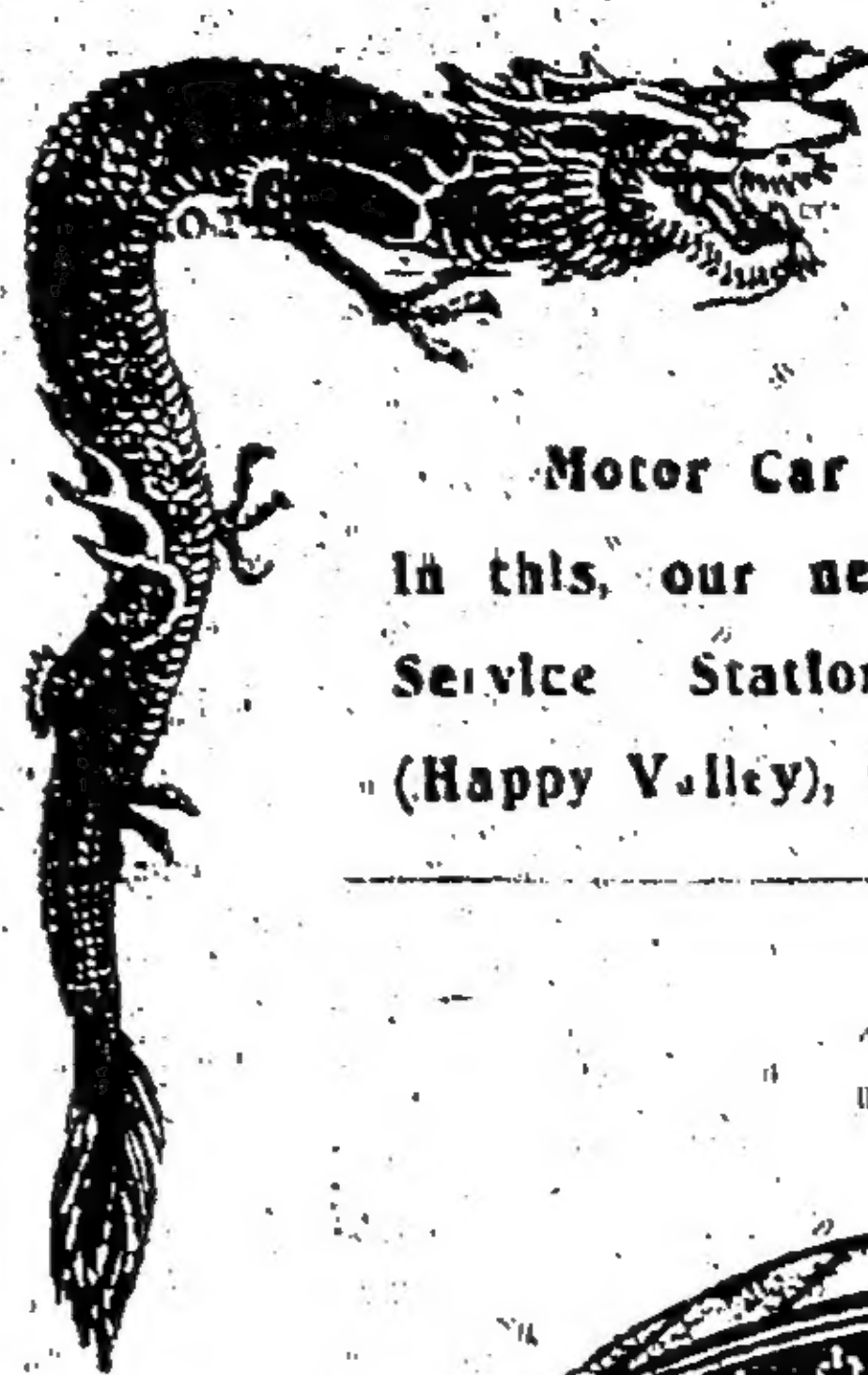
In order to account for these papers having been preserved and kept together, it would seem reasonable to suggest that Nelson, when appointed to the Mediterranean command in 1803, decided that the squadron papers of his former command in that set would furnish useful precedents, and therefore took them with him. On his return to England in August, 1805, it may be inferred that he deposited the whole mass at Merton, and that after his death they were sold with the contents of the house. It will readily be seen that the importance of papers, chiefly of a routine nature, not written or even signed by Nelson, might easily escape the notice of an owner unless he chanced to be very familiar with naval affairs.

Nine volumes, and part of a tenth, are filled with documents concerning individual ships. From these some gaps in our knowledge concerning the precise nature of the equipment can be filled up, and this part of the collection will yield details of value in the restoration of the *Victory*. For instance, we get definite official knowledge that such "flying kites" as gaff topsails, royal studding sails, and skyscrapers were actually in use on board a few of the line of battleships, and were not confined, as has, perhaps, commonly been supposed to the cruisers. Recently, in connection with the Pageant at Wembley, the question was asked, how big an ensign did the *Victory* wear at Trafalgar? No certain answer could then be given, but, fortunately, the papers that we made proved to be very near the truth. The system then was that a flagship had all her flags a little bigger than those of a private ship, and those of the Commander-in-Chief were bigger than those of his junior admirals. Thus the *Victory's* biggest ensign was 34 breadth, i.e., 34ft. 6in. in the hoist; the other admirals wore ensigns of 32 breadths, and the private ships of 30, all very big flags. The pendant was 20 yards long in the fly for ships of the line. The artist Huggins left a note that Nelson's flag of command was "as large as the fore royal mast," and this is confirmed by the precise information that it was of 22 breadths, or 16ft. 6in. hoist. Most of the data coming under this head are, however, too severely technical for mention here.

## THE SAILORS' CLOTHING.

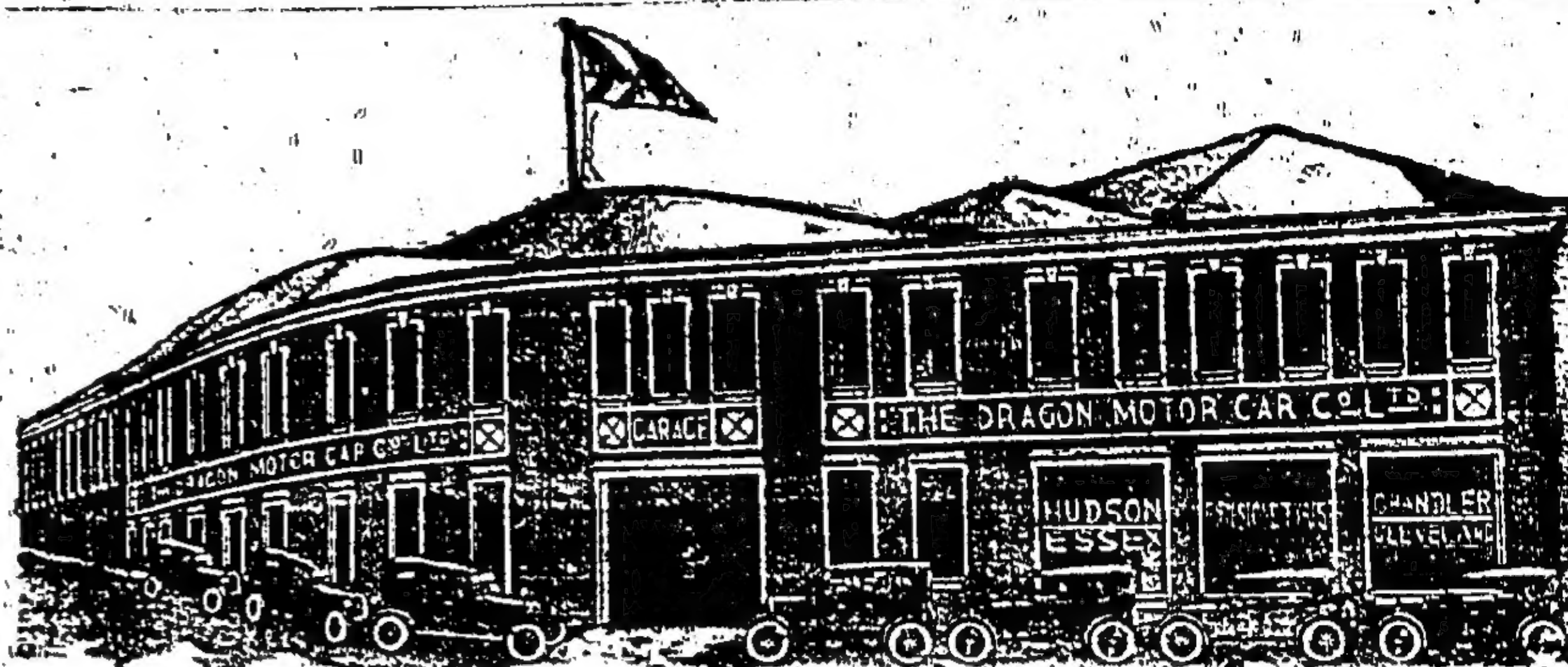
A report from the Physician to the Fleet refers to the introduction of long trousers, which is assigned to 1780. This seems to date them a few years too early, for certainly they were not in general use till after Rodney's victory of 1782. We knew, from many references, that during a great part of the 18th century the seamen wore what were called "petticoat trousers," but it is only now that it can be said with certainty that "petticoat trousers" were the very short trousers reaching about to the mid-calf, which are familiar from many pictures and prints. With the introduction of the long trousers, the fashion of going barefoot came in—a fashion which the Physician to the Fleet thought prejudicial to the men's health.

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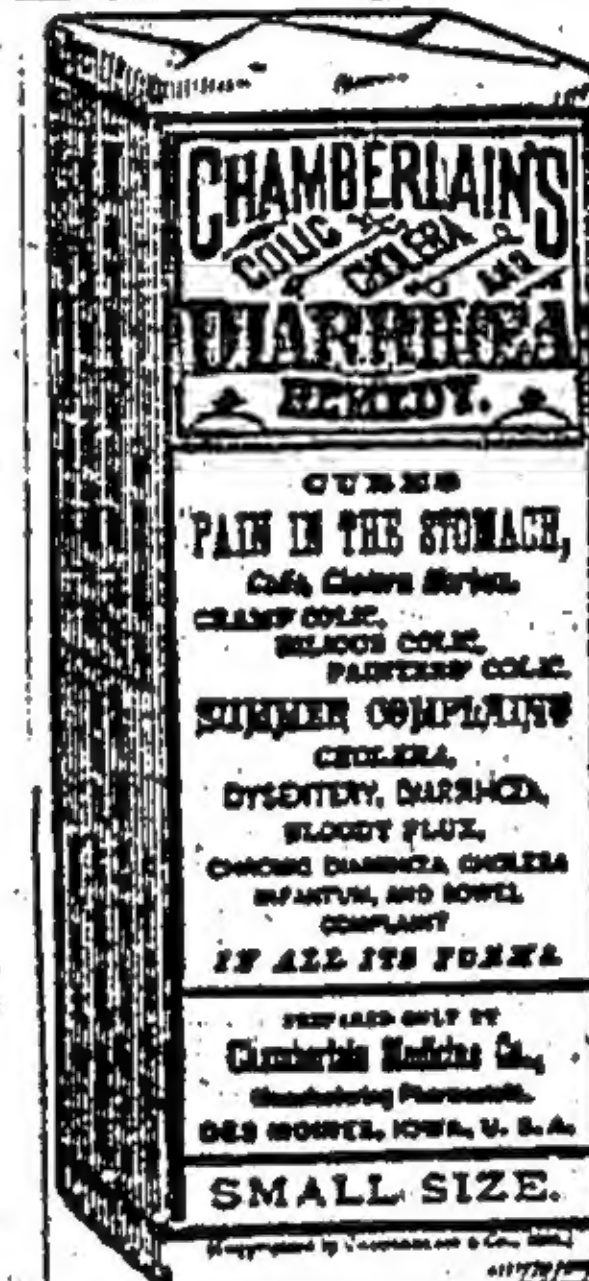
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"SEIKYO MARU" (Calls at Penang)	Thursday	23rd Oct.	
"ALPS MARU" (Calls at Penang)	Tuesday	4th Nov.	
BANGKOK via SAIGON.			
"BUSHO MARU"	Saturday	1st Nov.	
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.			
"HAGUE MARU"	Sunday	30th Oct.	
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER via Shanghai and Japan Ports.			
"ALABAMA MARU"	Wednesday	22nd Oct.	
NEW YORK via Japan Ports, San Francisco and Panama.			
"ALASKA MARU" (From Kobe)	Wednesday	16th Oct.	
JAPAN PORTS.			
"CELESTES MARU"	Wednesday	15th Oct.	
"INDO MARU"	Tuesday	31st Oct.	
"ALABAMA MARU"	Wednesday	22nd Oct.	
Kobe via SWATOW & AMOY.			
"AMAKURA MARU"	Sunday	13th Oct.	11 a.m.
"KAIYO MARU"	Sunday	13th Oct.	11 a.m.
TAKAO via SWATOW & AMOY.			
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## NELSON AND THE FLEET.

(Continued from Page 3.)

These papers, and others which have not been published, show how close was the attention which Nelson gave to the men's clothing, as, indeed, to all else that conducted to their health. Here are echoes of a "row royal" which he led with the Navy Board for sending out a consignment of white suits made of inferior material: he did, in fact, write to the Admiralty that, in his opinion, the man responsible ought to be hanged, and he added point to his complaint by sending a copy of his letter to the Navy Board.

The Navy Board had, in fact, been trying an experiment, which did not answer. Their next, made in June, 1804, was successful, and was much to Nelson's taste: for, in readiness for the coming winter, they sent out a consignment of "Guernsey frocks," which, hitherto, had never been issued save in the year before to ship going to a cold climate, such as the Halifax station.

It is well known that, during the great French wars, the health of the Navy was maintained by the frequent issue of fresh provisions, and that Nelson was especially zealous in this respect. Here we have the actual figures of the number of oxen bought, of how much beef they yielded, of the number of pounds of onions and other vegetables, and of the oranges and lemons. There are probably more papers on this subject here than on any other.

Returns from the agent victualler aboard show that, between February 13th, 1804, and April 23rd, 1805, the disbursements on fresh provisions were £47,000, which averages £100 a day. Included in them were about a million pounds of fresh beef, nearly 200,000 gallons of wine, about 40,000 gallons of brandy, with onions, oranges, and lemons in proportion. As the beef cost about 4d. a pound, and the wine 13d. a gallon, and as the complements of the ships with the flag averaged about 6,000, this shows that the ship's companies saw little of the traditional salt horse and rum. On the contrary, the expenditure for fresh provisions, as far as can be thus determined, was about 4d. a head a day. Whenever any article of food was complained of, it was immediately surveyed and almost invariably condemned.

One curious incident emerges. When Spain joined France against us, the Spanish markets, hitherto largely used, were at once closed. Some two months elapsed before the necessary arrangements were made for procuring supplies elsewhere, and this relatively short deprivation of fresh provisions caused a fairly severe outbreak of scurvy in the Fleet. It may be noted that the export of cattle from Barbary was limited to 3,000 head a year, and that in these the garrison of Gibraltar had to share. These oxen were very small, and the amount of beef thus available for the Fleet can hardly have given the men one fresh meal a week.

## HEALTH OF THE FLEET.

The health of the Fleet was almost uniformly good. The chief diseases mentioned are fevers, scurvy, ulcers, and diseases of the lungs. There were also a good many cases of rheumatism. The fevers were chiefly feverish colds, including probably influenza. The scurvy was confined to a brief outbreak in the winter of 1804-5, and immediately disappeared when the regular issue of fresh provisions could be resumed. The ulcers, which were chiefly on the legs and feet, and of a contagious nature, were most troublesome, and gave the greatest number of cases. Even so, however, ten cases in a single ship were regarded as a large number.

During the whole period, the highest number of cases in the whole Fleet was 268, and the average was below 200, while deaths on board ship were about 1 per cent. per annum. Deaths in the hospitals were numerous, but out of a daily average of rather over 100 cases, distributed between Gibraltar and Malta, they do not seem to have amounted, in all, to more than about 100 in the whole period. Considering what the state of naval hygiene had been within the memory of the older officers, it is not remarkable that the Physician to the Fleet should have referred to "the triumphant state of health which this Fleet has enjoyed."

Among the private papers are accounts of personal expenses, which do not, however, come down to the time of Nelson's association with Lady Hamilton. Perhaps he ceased to keep accounts in those days. Those preserved are chiefly for his earlier years, and show him as a careful man, noting his hotel expenses, day by day and meal by meal, and even including tips. A pleasing entry, which occurs not infrequently, is "Sailor, 1s." or "Sailor, 3/6." Once it is "Sailor, 3/6," against which Nelson has noted "too much." Old shipmates probably, or at least most of them, who had "run it out to a clinch."

For the rest, the accounts are not particularly interesting. They show that groceries, hams, tongues, pickles, and a few kegs of tripe formed the standing part of an admiral's sea stock; and also that he bought wine at most enviable figures, port at 12s. a dozen, sherry at 14s., and claret at 20s. He has a very good stock of wine in the *Victory*, but the consumption was certainly moderate. How much claret and champagne was drunk is not recorded; but the monthly average of port, then regarded as a beverage, was only 65 bottles, and of sherry 60.

## HUMBLE SUPPLIANTS.

The miscellaneous petitions such as could not have been addressed to an inaccessible or unsympathetic man. Some of them are astonishingly illiterate, and nearly all of them quite vague. The writers merely put it that they hope he will think of them: as, for instance, an old *Agamemnon* man, who says, "I have done my best to give the *grates* satisfaction send your Lordship as per motioned me and if your Lordship plea to think me (Continued on next Column.)

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Then there was Christian White, who lost her husband in the battle of the Nile, and herself in the action "attended the surgeon in dressing the wounded men, and likewise attended the sick and wounded during their passage to Gibraltar, which was eleven weeks on board H.M.S. *Majestic*. She spent nearly as badly as Mr. Gingham, with the addition of substituting v for w, in the then Cockney fashion. She ends by hoping that Nelson will consider her worthy of his notice; but it is a little difficult to see how he was to reward her. He could not, at any rate, promote her to be a hospital nurse, for the hospitals were, as these papers show, run by contract, and the appointment of nurses lay with the contractor.

Finally there is inevitably a letter from Joe King; not a petition, but a letter of thanks. This well-remembered man was a Portuguese named Joaquim, who, during his service with Nelson, had anglicised his name. As boatswain he showed so much zeal and ability that Nelson procured his promotion to boatswain of the yard at Gibraltar. His letter of thanks is here, dated January 2nd, 1798. In it he says that his wife has recently presented him with a daughter, whom he has christened "Mary Nelson King, after your honour and that of Lady Nelson." From which it appears that he did not know Lady Nelson's Christian name.

Such a collection of papers may have no great attraction for the private collector, but it will be invaluable to the historian. It may be hoped, therefore, that it will find a resting place in some public library in England, where the document will be readily available to students and others interested in naval affairs.

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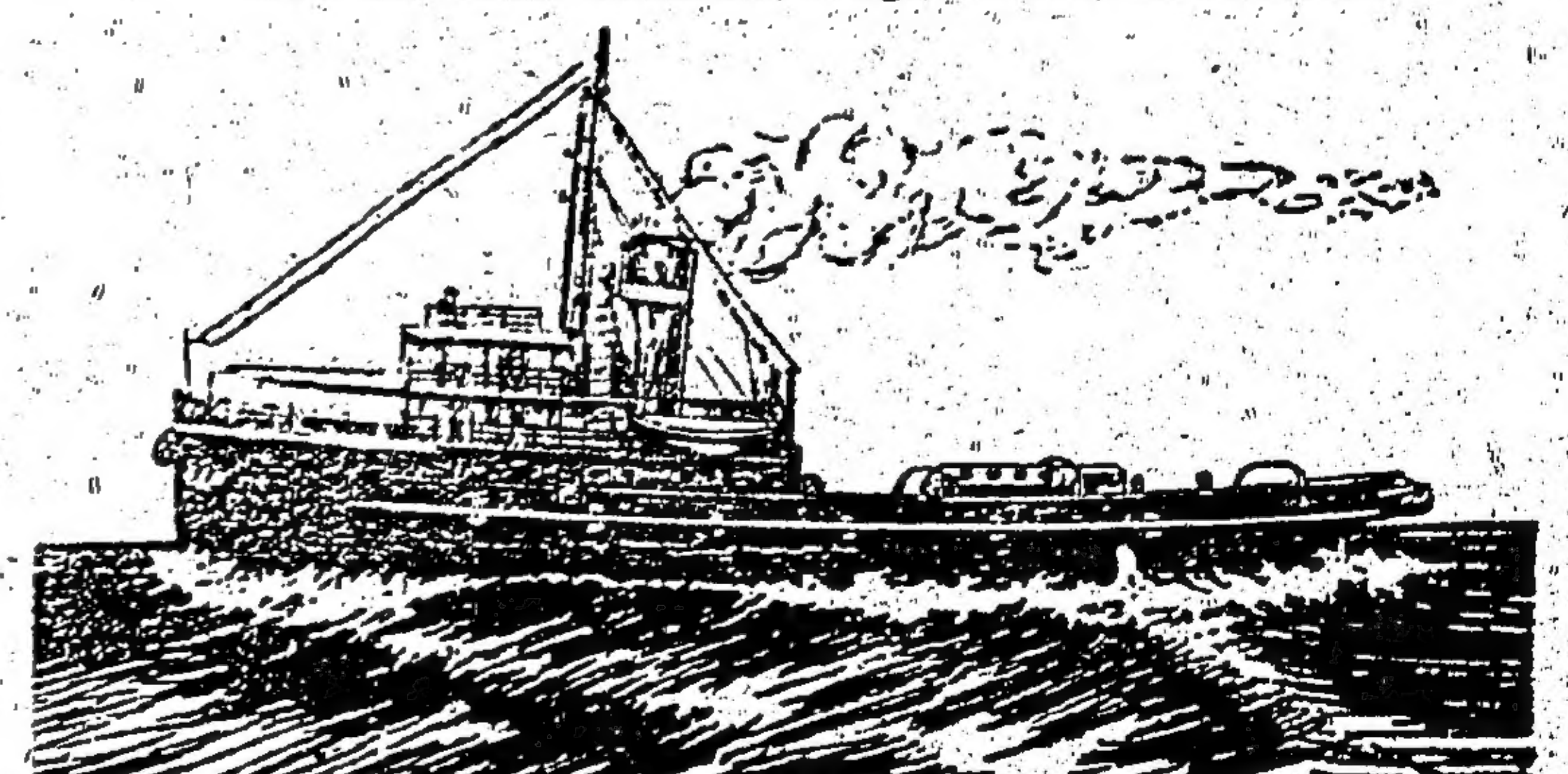
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## SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATIONS.

Ports	Steamers	Date of Departure
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"YINGCHOW"	On 11th Oct. Noon.
AMOY, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"TEAN"	On 13th Oct. 2.30 p.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"SINKIANG"	On 13th Oct. 2.30 p.m.
HOIHOW & SHANGHAI	"SUNNING"	On 14th Oct. D.L.
HOIHOW, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"TAMING"	On 14th Oct. 10 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KALAN"	On 14th Oct. 2.30 p.m.
WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"HUICHOW"	On 15th Oct. 4 p.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"SINKIANG"	On 15th Oct. 2.30 p.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"LIANGCHOW"	On 15th Oct. Noon.
HOIHOW & BANGKOK	"CHENAN"	On 19th Oct. 10 a.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"SUOCHOW"	On 19th Oct. 2.30 p.m.
AMOY & SHANGHAI	"SHANTUNG"	On 21st Oct. D.L.
AMOY, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"KIUNGCHOW"	On 21st Oct. Noon.

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## HONGKONG TO PHILIPPINES AND AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

Steamer	Arr. Hongkong about	Sails for Manila, Port Banga & Aus. Ports about
"TAIYUAN"	5th October	12th October, 10 a.m.
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TO MANILA, BANGKOK, SINGAPORE, ZAMBOANGA AND CEBU.

U.S.S. "WEST CAJOOT" ..... Due Hongkong 19th Oct.  
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## GENERAL HOLIDAY

On Monday, the 13th inst., the G.P.O. and Branch Post Offices will be open as follows:

The G.P.O.—8 a.m. to noon.

Kowloon Branch—8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Shanghai Branch—8 a.m. to 9 a.m. only.

Wentao, Saipingpu and Yamutai Branches—8 a.m. to 9 a.m., and 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Szeungwan Branch—8 a.m. to 9 a.m., and 5.30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

There will be one collection from the pillar boxes, and one delivery of ordinary correspondence as on Sunday, and also one delivery of registered correspondence from the G.P.O. at 9 a.m.

There will be one delivery from each of the Branches at noon.

The Macey Order Office will be entirely closed.

The Public is notified that Radio-telegrams to Canton are liable to delay owing to the pressure of work at the Canton-Wireless Telegraph Station, and can only be accepted at Senders risk.

## INWARD MAILS.

FROM	PER	DATE
Australia ...	Tokoh Maru	11th Oct.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai ...	Pres. Taft	11th Oct.
Europe via Negapatam, Lotters and papers London, 11th Sept.	Sun Ning	11th Oct.
Shanghai ...	Typhoon	12th Oct.
Batavia ...	Mishima Maru	12th Oct.
Australia and Manila ...	Isaburo	12th Oct.
Calcutta and Straits ...	Amboise	12th Oct.
Shanghai ...	Szechuen	13th Oct.
Shanghai ...	Emp. of Asia	13th Oct.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan & Shanghai ...	Pres. Hayes	13th Oct.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai ...	Yoshino Maru	14th Oct.
Japan ...	Forthos	13th Oct.
SAIGON ...	Pres. Jefferson	18th Oct.
Manila ...	Suzuka Maru	20th Oct.
STRAITS ...	Albatross	21st Oct.
JAPAN ...		

## OUTWARD MAILS.

FOR	PER	DATE
Shanghai, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday 12th Oct.—Ship sails on Sunday, the 12th inst., at 10 a.m.	Taiwan	11th Oct. 10.30 A.M.
Shanghai, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Suez—due 14th Oct.—Ship sails on Sunday, 14th Oct., at 4 p.m.	Amboise	11th Oct. 5.00 P.M.
Fort Bayard, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Hanoi	11th Oct. 5.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Amboise Maru	Sunday, 12th, 9.00 A.M.
Manila ...	Pres. Taft	12th, 9.00 A.M.
Japan ...	Mishima Maru	Monday, 13th, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow and Bangkok	Hopang	9.00 A.M.
Straits and Calcutta	Hopang	9.00 A.M.
Manila ...	Loosan	9.00 A.M.
Amoy ...	Suzuki Maru	9.00 A.M.
Straits and Egypt	Sun Ning	9.00 A.M.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and (via) via Victoria, B.C. due Victoria, B.C., 4th Nov.	Philippines	10.00 A.M.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia (Correspondence specially superscribed "Via Siberia" only.)	Forthos	Noon
Manila, Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Suez—due 14th Nov.	Pres. Hayes	Tuesday, 14th, 8.30 A.M.
Haiphong, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Taiwan	8.30 A.M.
Saidak	Manila	Noon
Swatow and Bangkok	Kylin	1.03 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy & Poochow	Yoshino Maru	2.00 P.M.
Japan ...	Ito Maru	5.00 P.M.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday 12th Oct.	Yoshino Maru	Wednesday, 15th, 8.45 A.M.
		Registration Letters 9.30 A.M.

\*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

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## LONDON SERVICE (DIRECT)

HELENUS ... 13th Oct. London, Rotterdam & Hamburg  
PATROCLUS ... 21st Oct. Marseilles, London, Rotterdam & Hamburg  
DARDANUS ... 25th Oct. London, Rotterdam & Hamburg  
TIESEUS ... 3rd Nov. London, Rotterdam & Hamburg  
\* Calls at Oran.

## LIVERPOOL SERVICE (DIRECT, on V.L. CONTINENTAL PORTS)

TYDEUS ... 20th Oct. Genoa, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow  
KEEMUN ... 1st Nov. Genoa, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow  
NINGCHOW ... 17th Nov. Genoa, Marseilles, Liverpool & Glasgow

## PACIFIC SERVICE (VIA KOBE AND YOKOHAMA)

PHILOCTETES ... 13th Oct. Victoria, Seattle & Vancouver  
TALHYBIUS ... 8th Nov. Victoria, Seattle & Vancouver

## NEW YORK SERVICE (VIA SUEZ OR PANAMA)

EURYLOCHUS ... 13th Oct. Boston, New York, Baltimore via Suez  
CALCHAS ... 10th Nov. Boston, New York, Baltimore via Suez  
AJAX ... 21st Nov. Boston, New York, Baltimore via Suez

## PASSENGER SERVICE

MENTOR ... 16th Oct. Shanghai  
PATROCLUS ... 21st Oct. Singapore, Marseilles & London  
MENTOR ... 17th Nov. Singapore, Marseilles & London  
HECTOR ... 16th Dec. Singapore, Marseilles & London  
TELESIAS ... 29th Dec. Singapore, Marseilles & London  
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## COMMERCIAL.

## OPENING QUOTATIONS.

October 10th, 1924

On London—	
Telegraphic Transfer ...	2/5 3/4
Bank Bills, on demand ...	2/5 7/16
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight ...	2/5 7/16
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight ...	2/5 7/16
Credits, at 4 months' sight ...	2/5 7/16
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight ...	2/5 7/16
On Paris—	
Bank Bills, on demand ...	1/5 1/2
Credits, 4 months' sight ...	1/5 1/2
On New York—	
Bank Bills, on demand ...	1/5 1/2
Credits, at 30 days' sight ...	1/5 1/2
On Bombay—	
Telegraphic Transfer ...	1/5 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand ...	1/5 1/2
On Calcutta—	
Telegraphic Transfer ...	1/5 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand ...	1/5 1/2
On Shanghai—	
Bank Bills, at sight ...	nom.
Private, 30 days' sight ...	nom.
On Yokohama—	
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On Manila—	
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Bank Bills, on demand ...	1/5 1/2
On Bombay—	
Bank Bills, on demand ...	1/5 1/2
On Rangoon—	
Bank Bills, on demand ...	1/5 1/2
On Singapore—	
Bank Bills, on demand ...	1/5 1/2
On Ceylon—	
Bank Bills, on demand ...	1/5 1